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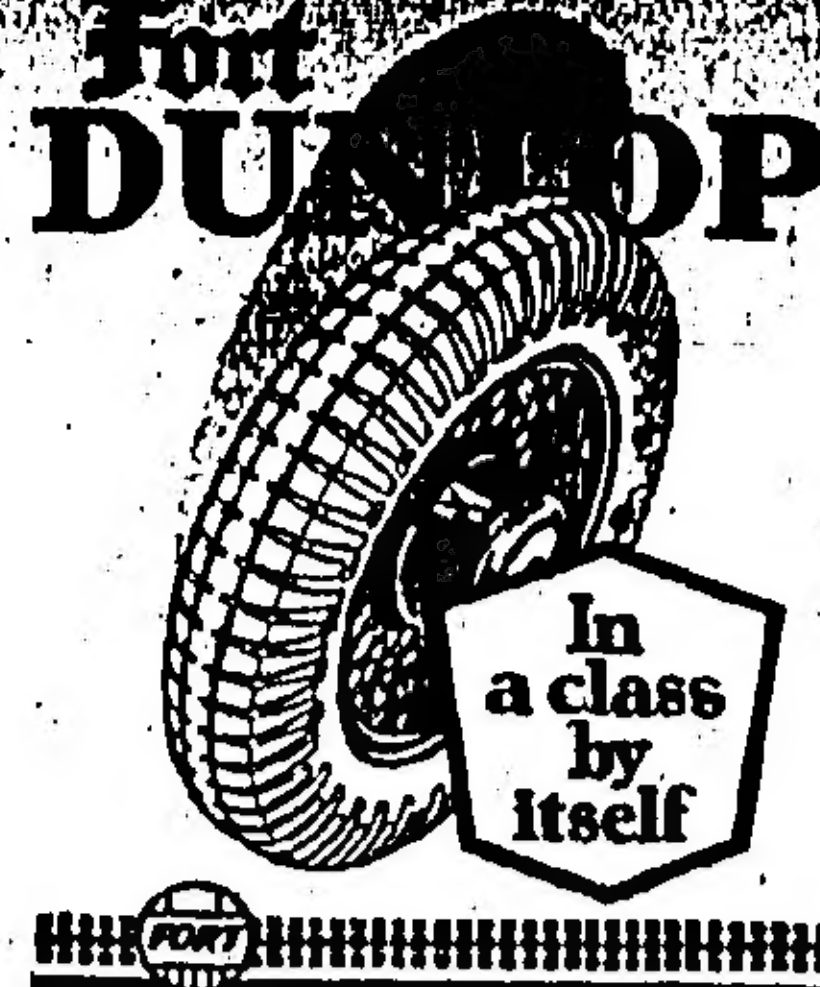
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TIGER GETS LOOSE IN PLANE.

EXCITING FLIGHT TO ENGLAND.

TRAINER LATER SHARES CAGE.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 17.
A flight across the Channel from France to England with a terrified tiger at one time loose in the cabin space is well calculated to cause some little excitement aboard the machine.

This was the experience of the pilot of a machine engaged to transport a tiger from Ostend to Croydon in order to appear at a circus in London.

The burden of the adventure, however fell upon the trainer, whose anxiety to quieten the creature which was obviously terrified by the flight through the air, led to the trouble.

When the journey started, the tiger gave evidence of its terror, and the trainer opened the cage door, whereupon the tiger leapt out into the cabin space.

A sensational struggle between the trainer and the tiger followed, but eventually the man triumphed and succeeded in getting his charge back into the cage.

He then entered the cage and man and beast kept each other company there till the end of the journey. It is believed that this is the first trip ever made by a tiger by aeroplane.

ROMANCE BEFORE RICHES.

RECTOR'S DAUGHTER ENGAGED.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 17.
Miss Majorie Clementson, the twenty-five-year-old daughter of the Rector of a Kentish parish, was last year left a fortune of several thousands of pounds per annum, on condition that she remained single.

Miss Clementson announced her engagement to-day.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE HOMEWARD.

LEAVES CEYLON FOR ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 17.
Mr. Lloyd George, accompanied by his family, left Colombo for England to-day on the P. and O. S. S. "Rajputana."

He has greatly benefited from his tour.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS.

SOUTH AFRICA OPEN SECOND TEST.

A COLLAPSE.

Sydney, Dec. 18.
The second test match between the South African and Australian cricketers opened here to-day. South Africa won the toss and put up a wretched display. At lunch, they had lost five wickets for 62 runs, the scores being:

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|---------------------------------|----|
| Mitchell, b McCabe | 1 |
| Christy, c Nitschke, b Grimmett | 14 |
| Morkel, at Oldfield, b Grimmett | 20 |
| Taylor, c Lee, b Grimmett | 7 |
| Cameron, b Wall | 11 |
| Viljoen not out | 7 |
| Dalton not out | 0 |
| Extras | 2 |
| Total (for 5 wks.) | 62 |

QUEER STORY OF FOREIGN INTRIGUE.



A new picture of Mahatma Gandhi.

GANDHI DENIES INTERVIEW.

ITALIAN REPORT FALSE.

WILL GIVE AMPLE WARNING!

London, Dec. 17.

Mr. Gandhi, who is at sea en route for India has in reply to an inquiry, wirelessly to London to-day denying the statements attributed to him in an interview alleged to have been given in Rome few days ago to the *Giornale D'Italia*.

He says he gave no interview at all to any journalists in Italy. Gandhi was alleged to have said: "India, with her vast masses, can create a new civilisation, but this work of civilisation is for the future. To-day the whole Indian nation is called to a work of destruction—boycotting, return to India to continue the struggle against England, which will be, as heretofore, without violence."

No Precipitous Action.

Gandhi in his message to London says: "The *Giornale D'Italia*'s statement is wholly false."

"I never gave any interview to pressmen in Rome. The last interview I gave was at Villeneuve in Switzerland, where I asked the people of India not to come to any decision but to await my statement."

"I shall take no precipitous action, but shall make ample previous entreaties to the authorities should direct action become unfortunately necessary. Please give this statement the widest publicity possible.—British Wireless."

CADET TO DIRECT EDUCATION.

REPORTED GOVT. INTENTION.

Reports are current that a Cadet is shortly to be appointed Director of Education in the place of Mr. G. P. de Martin, who has been acting in that capacity since June last.

It is stated that Mr. N. L. Smith has been selected for the post and that he will assume the duties early in the new year. He will, it is said, go on three months' leave shortly afterwards, and on his return will continue in his new post.

A further probability is that Mr. de Martin, who has been in the Government education service since 1903, will go home on retirement early in 1933.

FRANCE TO OBTAIN CHINA PROVINCE!

SEQUEL TO "ALARM" ON KWANGSI BORDER.

AMERICAN REPORT OF JAPANESE GUARANTEE.

AMAZING AND AMUSING.

A SENSATIONAL, but rather amusing, suggestion that French and Japanese diplomatists have intrigued and conspired with the object of annexing different portions of Chinese territory, appears to have been built out of recent reports alleging a massing of French troops on the Annam-Kwangsi border.

As pointed out by the French Consulate a few days ago, a mischievous report of this kind might furnish a convenient alibi for the presence of large Chinese forces whose services might otherwise have been required elsewhere, but it has remained for an American paper, according to a Reuter message from Paris, to offer the "complete explanation," international duplicity reminiscent of the really bad old days of secret diplomacy.

The American newspaper, name undisclosed, announces that a Franco-Japanese agreement has been reached whereby France should be guaranteed by Japan possession of a "Chinese Province," presumably Kwangsi, and presumably as a quid pro quo for the occupation of Manchuria.

OFFICIAL DENIAL THOUGHT NEEDED.

The reported agreement seems absurd on the face of it, but it has been considered sufficiently striking by the French authorities, says Reuter, to provoke an official denial of the report as being entirely without foundation.

The story appears to be the outcome of a military conference in Canton a few days ago, attended by Pei Chung-hai, Admiral Chan Chak, Gen. Chang Hui-chang, commander of the air forces, Generals Yu Han-min, Li Yang-king, Heung Hun-ping, Miao Pei-nan and Tao Yieh-hin.

Strengthening Defences.

The meeting is reported to have discussed plans for strengthening the border defences in western Kwangsi, including the construction of fortifications and gun emplacements.

General Pei Chung-hai, General Chang Fat-kuo and General Wang Shao-hung were instructed to visit western Kwangsi and to study the defensive necessities on the spot.

Canton Troop Movement.
The Canton Government, it was

further reported, had approved of the proposal by General Chan Chai-long and Gen. Li Chung-yen to dispatch a large expeditionary force to the western border of Kwangsi to "resist a possible invasion of the French troops who are reported to be massing at the Indo-China-Kwangsi frontier for an unknown mission."

The local French Consulate pointed out that the alleged anti-Chinese significance of the French troop movements in North Annam was ridiculous.

French Explanation.

There has been considerable unrest in this part of the French Colony, traceable to outside influences. The border defences have recently been strengthened for the purpose, principally, of guarding against the surreptitious importations of arms from China for the elements of disorder and discord in Indo-China.

The real object of the Canton movement, it was suggested, might be the removal of unwanted troops to a region well out of the way.

New Shock for Mr. Churchill.

Overwhelmed by Slick American Publicity Methods.

(Reuter's Special Service).

New York, Dec. 17.

American publicity methods are not calculated to assist in the convalescence of Mr. Winston Churchill, who is however making a good recovery from the results of his accident.

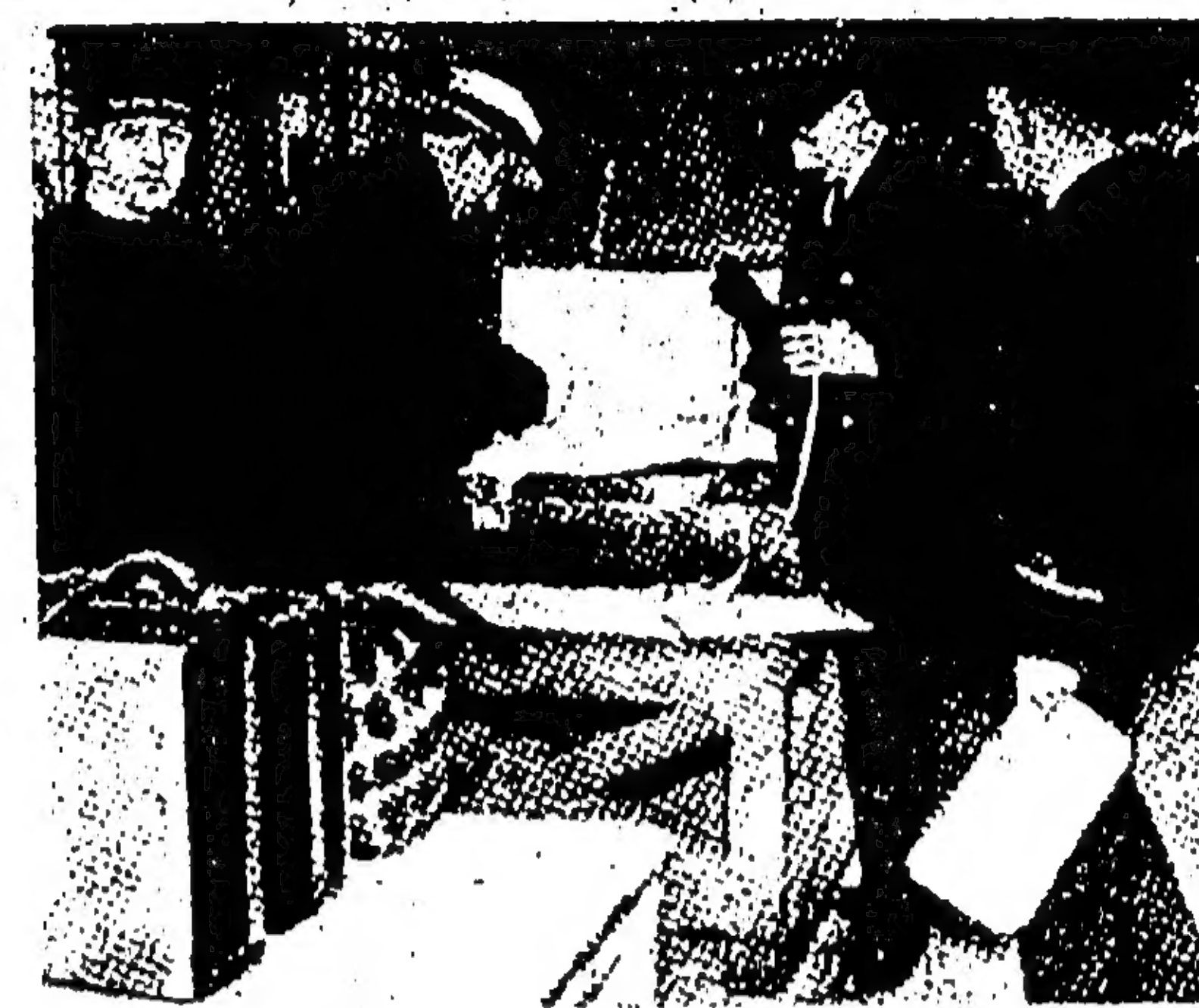
Mr. Churchill awoke this morning to receive an excellent illustration of the lengths to which American publicity experts will go when he read in the newspapers that he was scheduled to broadcast to England through a telephone installed at his bedside.

Not Consulted at All.

Mr. Churchill had not been consulted in the matter at all and was most indignant. He flatly refused to broadcast in spite of the fact that all preparations had been made, greatly disappointing those concerned.

Crowds of reporters and photographers are packing the corridors of the hospital where Mr. Churchill is detained.

London, Dec. 17.
Mr. Winston Churchill's condition continues to improve. To-day he sat up in bed and smoked a cigar.—British Wireless.



After the new duties. Photo shows the Dover Marine Station where extra vigilance is being exercised owing to the number of additions to the articles dutiable under the new tariff regulations.

Anti-Dumping Order No. 3.

Lawn Mowers and Cotton Goods.

FIFTY PER CENT.

London, Dec. 17.
Mr. Runciman's third anti-dumping order under the Abnormal Importations Act was issued to-night and comes into force on Saturday.

The order imposes a duty of fifty per cent, ad valorem, upon sixteen classes of mainly luxury articles including the following:

Illuminating glassware used for artificial light.

Cameras, photographic plates and films, other than cinematograph films.

Wireless valves and parts thereof.

Electric filament lamps and fittings.

Grass mowers.

Cotton goods.

Manufactures wholly or partly of cotton, of the following description: tissues in piece, flags, handkerchiefs, shawls and household cotton goods including table and bed linen, and towels.

Cordage ropes, and twine under one-quarter inch diameter, except such as is used in the packing of other goods.

Complete or incomplete garments, other than underwear, and hosiery, complete or incomplete, other than underwear, but including stockings and hose for men, women and children and shaped material for making into such garments or hosiery.

Citric acid, tartaric acid and cream of tartar.

Chemicals.

Aluminium, sulphate ammonia, alum, soda alum and potash alum.

Ammonium chloride.

Lithopone.

Rubber proofed tissues in piece.

Loaded and empty cartridge cases for sporting firearms, and sporting rifles.

Jumps in Imports.

The largest category of imports affected is that relating to complete and incomplete garments.

The average value of the items included therein imported monthly last year was £815,000. During the last two months this figure increased to £924,000 in October and £1,023,000 in November.

Almost as large is the cotton manufacture category goods, which were last year imported to a monthly value of £334,000.

In both October and November last, the figure increased to £312,000, when the month's quantity of cotton goods jumped from under seven million square yards per month last year to nearly ten million.

The value of the imports last month of the other categories included in the order was, photographic films, £38,000, electric lamps, £97,000, electric light fittings, £95,000, cordage, etcetra, £21,000, Citric acid, £45,000 and Lithopone, £22,000.—British Wireless and Reuter.

EMPIRE QUOTA FOR WHEAT!

CABINET AGREED ON MAIN POINT.

London, Dec. 17.

The Government's proposals for a quota on wheat were discussed at Whitehall to-day when the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, and the Minister of Agriculture, Sir John Gilmour, received a deputation from the Liverpool Corn Trade Association.

A communique afterwards issued states that, in reply to a question regarding the reported statement by the Canadian Premier as to the proposed amount of the Empire quota, Mr. Thomas said that there had been no decision as to the amount of the Empire quota by the Cabinet.

Mr. Bennett's Own Estimates.

Indeed, Mr. Bennett had himself made it clear that the percentages he had mentioned were purely his own estimates.

A general discussion ensued, particularly as to the difficulties in connexion with the Liverpool future markets, and the deputation handed in a letter and a memorandum on the subject.

During the discussion, Mr. Thomas said he wished to make it clear that, subject to the outcome of the proceedings at the Ottawa Conference, the intention of the Government was that there should be a quota.

Subject to that, he suggested the Association should appoint representatives to help the Government in hammering out the details of the scheme. To this the deputation agreed.—British Wireless.

FUTURE TRADE IN THE FAR EAST.

CALL TO ACTION BY TORY M. P.

CHINA CANNOT LAG MUCH LONGER.

London, Dec. 17.

The great possibilities lying in the markets of the East were emphasised by Major John Colville, M.P., Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade, in a speech at the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce to-day.

Major Colville expressed the opinion that China must, before so very long, rid herself of her internal difficulties.

"Nothing can hold back very much longer the inevitable force of social and commercial progress in that vast area."

He said he was not forecasting the immediate development of the Chinese market, but he believed—and his view was fully borne out by the members of the recent

NOTED CHINESE FIRM IN DIFFICULTY.

SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS.

MORATORIUM TO BE SOUGHT.

A sensation was provided for local commercial circles this morning when it was learned that the Hing Kee firm, of over fifty years' standing, one of the biggest in the Nam Pak Hong, were in difficulties and had suspended business.

The firm deals in piece goods and is one of the best known among British and other foreign firms.

A Telegraph representative, visiting the main premises of the firm at No. 83, Jervois Street, to-day, found the shop open as usual, though no business was being transacted.

Creditors' Meeting To-morrow.

It was learned that the creditors have been invited to attend a meeting at Jervois Street at one o'clock to-morrow, and it is understood that the management will seek a moratorium, in order to enable it to resume business.

It is stated that a proportion of the debts will be paid at once and that the creditors will be asked to extend the remainder over a long period.

Cause of Trouble.

The boycott movement against Japanese goods and the fall in sterling exchange are stated to have been the cause of the firm's difficulties. Rumour places the liabilities at about \$500,000 and present assets at about \$300,000.

U.S. CONGRESS & WAR DEBTS.

OPPOSED TO ANY SCALING DOWN.

Washington, Dec. 17.

Advocates of a scaling down of war debts seem unlikely to derive any encouragement from the United States.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives to-day adopted an amendment to the Hoover Moratorium Bill, declaring that the cancellation or reduction of foreign debts is against the policy of Congress.

The Committee later approved the Moratorium Bill as amended.—Reuter's American Service.

INSTABILITY OF SILVER.

REACTION THOUGHT PROBABLE.

Although silver is slightly up in London, there would appear to be indications of a reaction setting in. Yesterday's advance in London was 3/10ths spot and a farthing forward, the rise being chiefly due to limited offerings. After the official fixing, the market ruled weaker, America having turned seller.

The New York silver quotation is unchanged at 31.7/8, but futures are somewhat lower.

The silver price in India is also down a little.

Hongkong and Shanghai markets are the same as yesterday, with little inclination to do business. In fact, the local market can be described as absolutely stagnant.

The Hongkong dollar is unchanged from yesterday.

Economic Mission to the Far East—that we must take the long view and be prepared to play our part in the economic development of China when the opportunity arises.

If we do not do so, he said, some foreign competitor will.—Reuter.

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POLICE OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

MATRIMONIAL "BOOM" DURING YEAR.

Extra cost due to a "boom" in matrimony among the Police Force, and delay in the building of certain flats which were to have been ready on the first of the present month, led to discussion of the matter at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday, under the chairmanship of the Colonial Secretary.

A number of questions were asked and replied to, but all the votes, totalling \$14,046, were approved.

Regarding a vote of \$5,000 for public works extraordinary, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked.—Presumably this refers to Kowloon City as I see a reference to Kowloon City further on?

Director of Public Works.—The work refers to Kowloon.

Air Research.

On a vote for \$49, being subscription towards the cost of printing the result of the International Upper Air Research, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked.—Is this going to be printed and laid on the table?

The Chairman.—I think it is printed in London.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.—Would it not be interesting for Honourable Members to know what is in the report?

The Chairman.—I have not the slightest idea when this will be made available. I think only the scientifically-minded will be interested. It is published by the Air Ministry. If we receive a copy I shall be glad to lay it on the table.

Hon. Mr. Paterson.—Does it mean to say we pay whatever it is and do not get a copy? It seems to me that as we paid towards the cost we ought to get the result, not that I should be able to understand it.

The Chairman.—Can you tell me, Mr. North, if we received this?

After consulting with Mr. North, the Chairman continued.—I shall find out for you, Mr. Paterson, and if there is a copy in the office I shall be very happy to let either Sir Henry Pollock, yourself, or any other member see it.

Hon. Mr. Paterson.—I was not thinking of myself, but there are many people in Hongkong who are air-minded. I am not, particularly, as I am often sensible in the air.

Confidential Survey.

Concerning a vote of \$1,318 in connexion with a Geographical Survey carried out by Brigadier-General H. St. J. L. Winterbottom, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked.—Would it be of interest to have this geographical survey laid on the table? I do not know what it consists of.

The Chairman.—It is just a report on the survey department here. Director of Public Works.—And of other Colonial Survey Departments.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.—Would not it be of interest to have it printed and published?

The Chairman.—It is rather of a confidential nature, reporting on the work in the survey office. It is not a matter of general public interest. It is only the actual work done by the Survey Office from a technical point of view.

Light and Fans for Police.

Regarding a vote of \$3,000 for light and electric fans for additional rental of married quarters for the Police Force, Hon. Mr. Kotewill said.—This is rather a big increase in light and electric fans. Does it mean that it will go on increasing if more Police Officers get married, and is there any rule limiting the number of married officers in the Force?

Inspector General of Police.—No, but there is a rule limiting the amount which officers are allowed to use. If they exceed that amount they must pay for it. There is an issue every month for married men and single messes. It is in the form of a Police memo of current consumed, and anyone who exceeds

LOCAL EDUCATION POLICY.

SYSTEM REVIEWED BY BOARD.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Questions directed to suggested overhaul of the Government's general education policy were asked at a meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday, when the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewill asked:—

With reference to the remark made by the Hon. Colonial Secretary at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd October, 1931, that the Government would give serious consideration to my suggestion that a committee be appointed to consider the general education policy of the Government, will the Government state:—

(1) Whether such a committee will be appointed; and
(2) If not, what step does the Government propose to take to give effect to the object in view?

Government Reply.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. The Government does not consider that the appointment of such a committee is called for as there already exists, in the Board of Education, a body which is competent to advise on matters connected with education in the Colony.

2. In October, 1930, the Board was invited to review the existing system of education and to make recommendations in respect of future policy. Several of its recommendations have already been put into operation and others will be adopted shortly.

The recommendations deal with such matters as the distribution of funds provided for educational purposes, syllabuses, English and Chinese, the possibility of improving the opportunities of the children in private schools, the school medical service, the difficult question of the extent to which public funds should be made available for other than Vernacular education, the University Local Examinations, and the training of teachers, and, in fact, constitute just such an overhaul of the existing system as appears to be contemplated by the Honourable member.

the amount has to pay that amount extra. It is very carefully watched. If the number of married men increase, naturally the quarters increase.

Matrimonial "Boom."

There has been a big "boom" in the matrimonial market during the past year, and it has put me in a very awkward position, especially as certain flats have not been completed. There are four sets of flats which should have been completed by the 1st December, but as it looks as if they will not be completed for another two months we have had to lodge Officers in the St. Francis Hotel.

On a vote for \$190, rent of Police Married Quarters, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked.—When are these flats likely to be completed?

The Chairman.—They are private flats, aren't they?

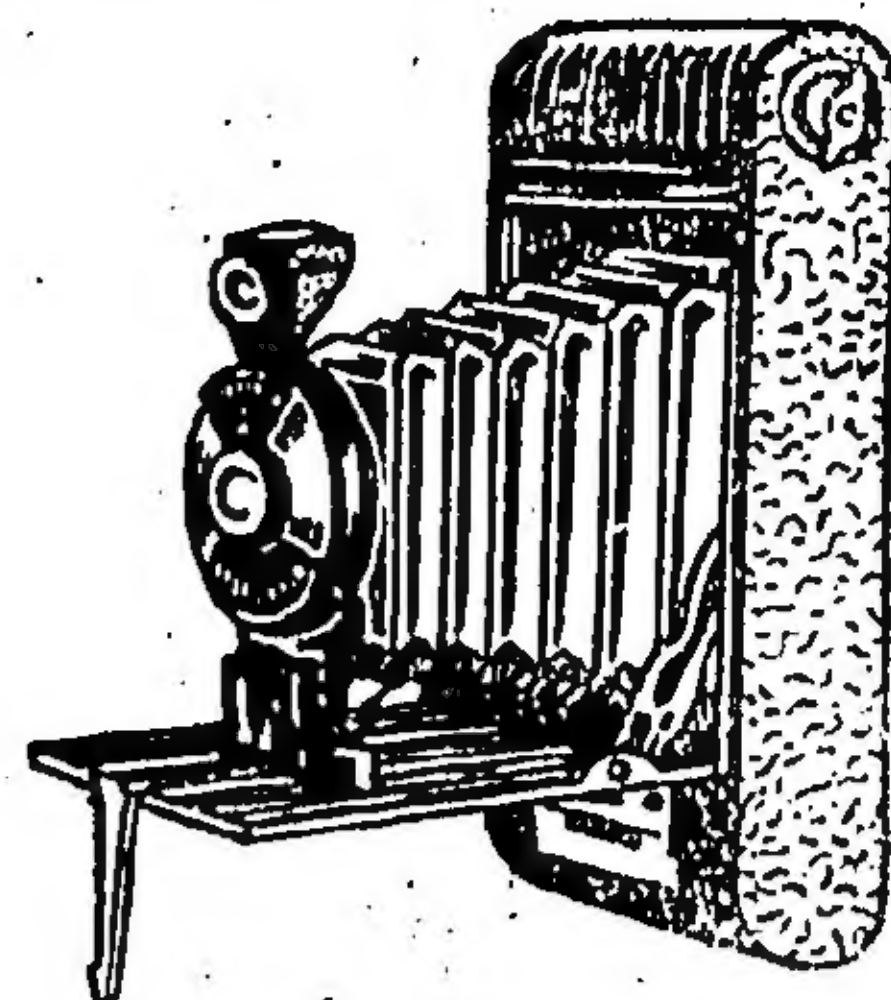
Slow Building.

Inspector General of Police.—They belong to Mr. van Eps, the undertaker. They were to be completed on the 1st December, which we were promised as far back as last April, but, for some reason, the work has been extremely slow.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock.—Are we to understand that Mr. van Eps is a contractor?

Inspector General of Police.—I have now written to him stating that I will not take the flats unless he can give me a guarantee that they will be finished by 1st January; if not that a monetary penalty will have to be paid by him until such time as they are ready. All the votes were approved.

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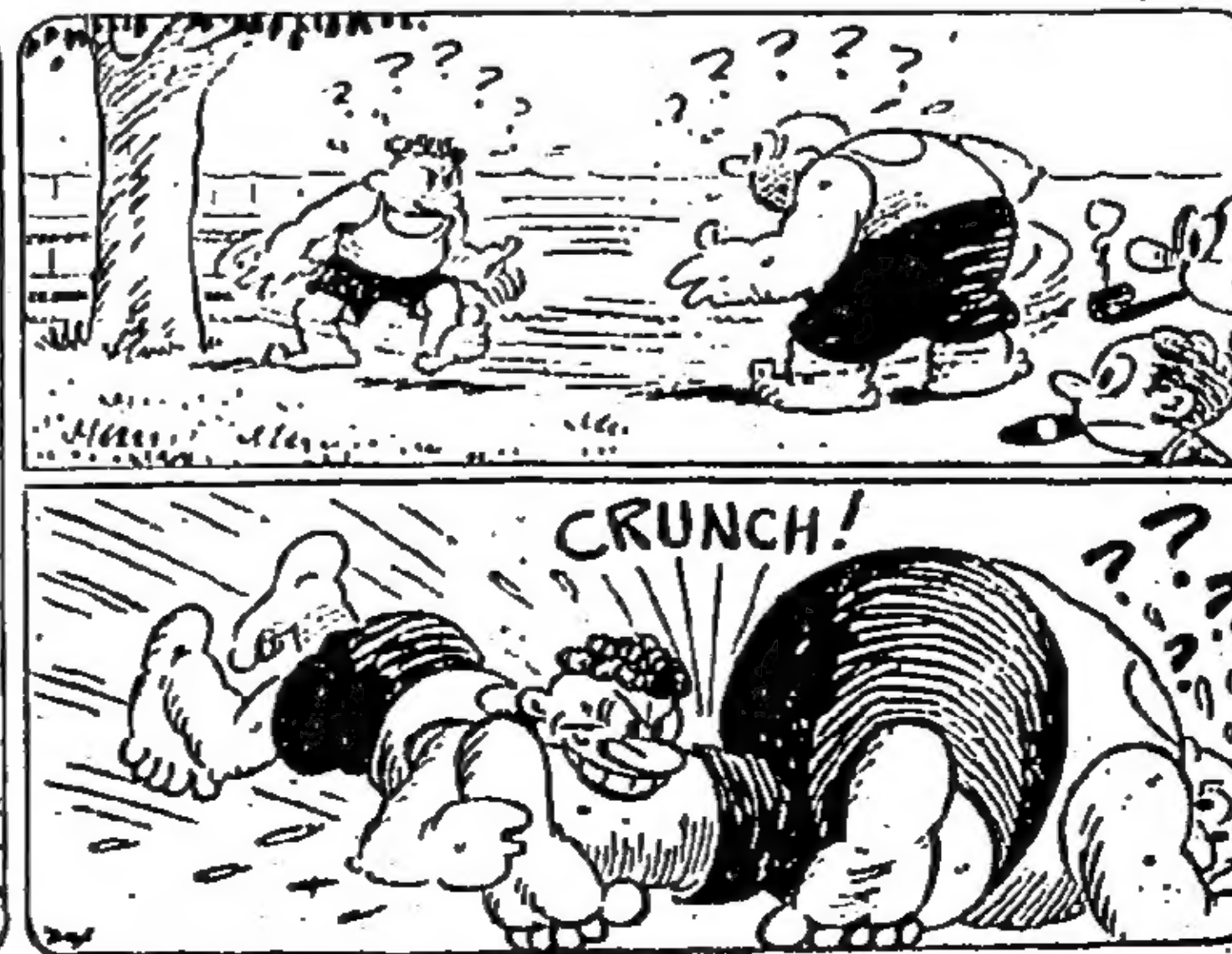
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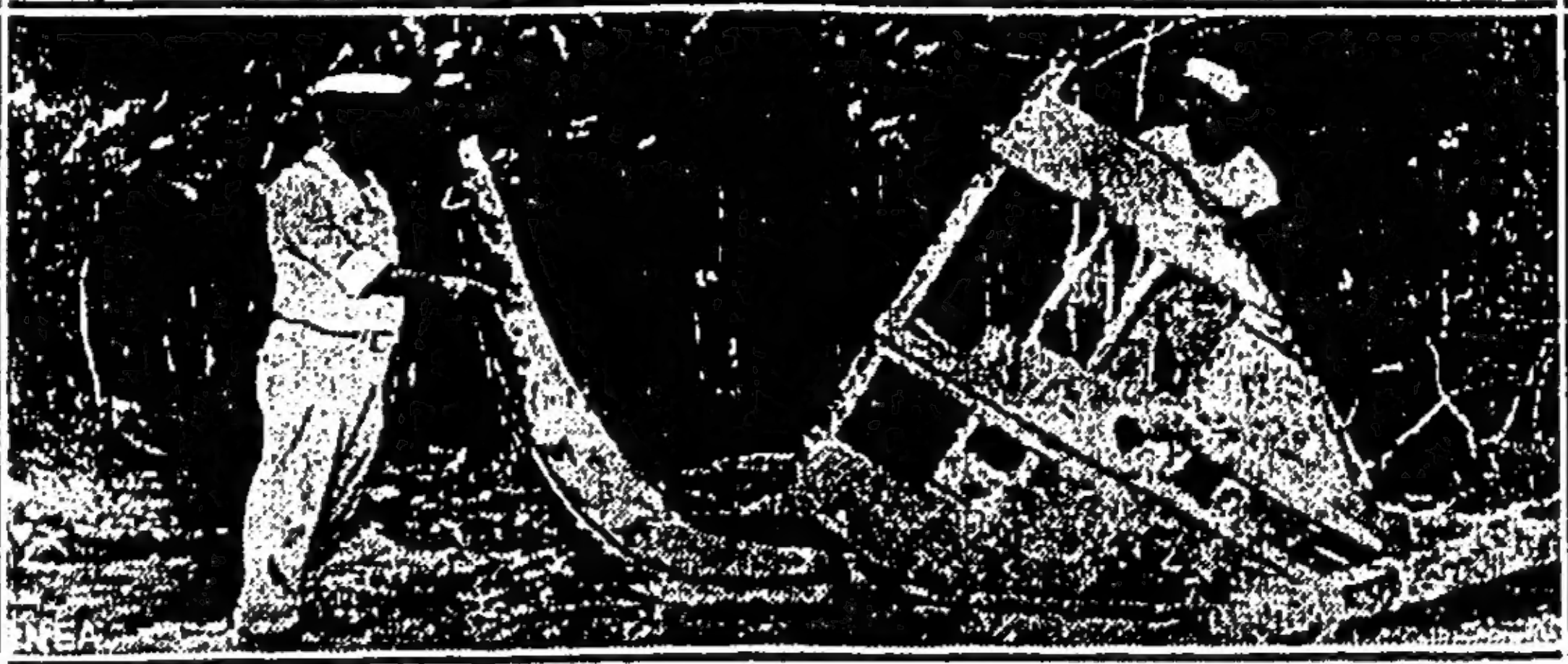
ROBINSON CRUSOE MODERN STYLE: LATEST BRITISH SUBMARINE.



Leaving Lonely Cocos Island behind them, the three American castaways of the wrecked yawl West Wind are pictured taking a last look at the tropic spot in the Pacific which was their home for six months. Shown aboard the U. S. S. Sacramento which rescued them are, left to right Mr. Gordon Browner, Mr. Paul Stachwick and Captain E. J. Palmer. They lived the lives of Robinson Crusoes, existing on a diet of fish, wild hogs, fowl and coconuts, after they were wrecked on the isolated island last April.



The home for the modern Robinson Crusoes was this rickety-looking shack. The marooned men had salvaged rifles and fishing tackle from their beached craft and lived mainly on the wild hogs which they shot and ocean fish which they caught.



There was little left to the "West Wind" as this picture shows, after it had been cast ashore on isolated Cocos Island, in the Pacific, last April. Here you see seamen from the U. S. S. Sacramento examining the wreckage of the yawl after the gunboat had rescued the marooned men.



They knew help was on the way, when they found this sign and box of supplies on Cocos Island. The sign and provisions had been left by Julius Fleischmann's yacht Comargo, which found traces of the marooned trio but, unable to locate them, sailed away to get help. Cocos Island is the destination of Sir Malcolm Campbell, who is going there soon in search of a pirate treasure, said to have been buried on the island.

Gems of Peril

HAZEL ROSS HAILEY

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is robbed and murdered during an entertainment party also is a victim for her secretary, Mary Harkness. Mary's suspenseful brother, Eddie, is supposed to have been in the house at the murder hunt.

Dirk Ruyter, blue-blooded young lawyer, Mary's fiance, induces her to keep silent about having arranged to meet Eddie secretly, until he can locate the boy. Eddie has disappeared.

Mary prevents a maid, Beale, from telling Bowen, police reporter for the Star, about Eddie's supposed visit. Dirk telephones that he has found Eddie and will take her to see him that afternoon.

CHAPTER VIII

Mary mastered a wild desire to shout at her future mother-in-law. Could nothing crack that magnificent self-assurance? But perhaps Mrs. Ruyter hadn't known how important the matter was.

When she finally got through to Dirk, Mary could hear him growling sleepily: "What time is it? Three-twenty? Oh, damn it, why wasn't I called? Mary? Listen. Get a cab and go to the corner of Third Avenue and—Street. The northwest corner. Eddie will meet you there at four. You've half an hour, but you may make it if you hurry. Got it? All right, run. I'll come as fast as I can."

She turned from the instrument, her thoughts twirling. Gloves, bag—she must have money for the cab. Had she enough? Better call Tom. But Tom had been up all night and had just turned in for a little sleep. The other chauffeur alternated in the role of gardener's helper and was out on the lawn somewhere in dunnage.

Better get a taxi. Bowen was waiting for an answer to his request that he be allowed to go with her to meet her brother, but Mary motioned him away absently.

"I can't talk to you now," she said hurriedly, and went out. The newspaperman hesitated but there was nothing to do but leave so he followed. Under the portico stood a ramshackle car which Mary, in desperation, was eyeing speculatively. Empty taxicabs don't ply the Long Island by-roads. She'd have to call up the village, and precious seconds were ticking away.

Bowen, observing her dilemma, advanced toward the car, opened the door and paused with a foot on

the running-board.

"I'll take you wherever you're going," he offered. "No fooling." "No fooling, I won't follow you. I'll take you there and run. I've got an edition to catch anyway."

There was no choice. She must hurry or run the chance of missing Eddie. She got in swiftly and they went roaring off toward town at a gratifyingly rapid pace. Bowen was mercifully silent, devoting himself to getting the last ounce of speed out of his decrepit car, and once they were in town, to worming it swiftly through the heavy late-afternoon traffic.

A block before they had reached the corner Dirk designated, she asked him to put her down. To make up for her obvious lack of trust she thanked him warmly.

"If I do have anything to give the newspapers I'll tell you first," she promised and gave him her hand. Bowen, fishing for a cigarette and watching the slim figure hurry off, was the victim of mixed emotions. Well, he had said he wouldn't follow, but he could have kicked himself for making the promise. He was getting to be a softie, letting a pair of heavily-fringed eyes and an artless look swerve him from the line of duty.

Bowen had seen girls who wore that look of dewy innocence before, in his travels about New York. Later he had discovered to his sorrow that they were "harder cookies" than himself, which was saying a good deal. At least they professed a great deal more from their endeavours than he did from his. From long observation of the New York scene, he had learned that the good, the true and the beautiful are not always what they seem. Yet he was dead sure that Mary Harkness was real. How he knew it, he could not say.

It was a crime to let her get away. She had promised him the story though, so he wasn't cheating the paper, he reflected uneasily. But long experience with such promises had taught him to suspect their worth, alas. She'd probably

call up some day and tell him her dog was lost and consider she'd given him a sensational story. Most people, and particularly women, he reflected bitterly, had no idea what the newspaper business was all about.

Well—if he didn't find a telephone pretty quick he wouldn't make the final with the story he did have. He chugged along to the corner, looking for a drug store. There was one across the street.

He had to stand and wait outside the only telephone booth the store afforded. Cursing under his breath, he paced back and forth before its closed glass door. His impatience mounted rapidly as a glance into the dark interior showed him that the young man within was not talking—just standing with his elbow on the shelf, holding the receiver at his ear. Now and then he jiggled the book. It was maddening. If he couldn't get his number, why didn't the fool hang up?

Bowen's vicious glances presently had their effect or the young man fired of waiting, for soon, choosing a time when the fuming Bowen was glaring into the depths of a cigar counter, he opened the door of the booth and slipped out.

Bowen caught only a frightened glance as the boy hurried out. A fat woman who had just come in oozed into the booth, and the reporter gave her a dirty look and set out to find another drug store. Outside he looked about. The boy who had been in the booth stood in the shelter of the doorway, now and then peering furtively out.

Just then Bowen's eye fell on Mary Harkness standing on the opposite corner, looking anxiously about. Bowen stared appreciatively. What a prize subject she would be for the photographer! If it turned out that she WAS what he feared she was—a smart little gold-digger too smart to look the part. There would be pictures of her standing, sitting, with legs crossed, and—looking through the bars, probably. Hard luck! Why did the mere thought of Mary Harkness tossed in with the rest of the rabble in police court make him feel sick? Little girls with itching palms and "stick-up" friends put themselves in the way of such treatment when they set out to get-rich-quick. But the reflection was no comfort to him.

Bowen threw his cigarette into the gutter in disgust. It was hell, but he was falling in love.

Suddenly the girl's face lighted up and she ran forward at sight of someone. For a glad instant Bowen believed it was himself.

Then the chap from the telephone booth brushed against him as he hurried to cross the street. Bowen caught a glimpse of a tanned boyish jaw, unshaven, and hunted grey eyes, as he looked hurriedly right and left before plunging into the traffic. The blue suit was wrinkled and mussed, and he wore no hat.

Mary had rushed to the curb and was holding out her hands. The boy had reached the middle of the street now and stood between two rushing streams of cars. A break in the traffic—one more leap—and he would have reached the other side.

The zeal of the news-hunter awoke in Bowen and drowned out every other voice. There, if you like, went the Jupiter murderer—and here Bowen stood! If ever there was a fugitive from justice, that boy looked and acted the part. The reporter hurried across.

He had gained the middle of the street, too, and was just a few steps behind Harkness, waiting for a chance to go on, when a long black streak swerved out of its place in line and shot down the middle lane as if heading straight for the boy.

A shout of warning burst from Bowen's lungs. He lunged and tried to grasp the boy but Harkness had heard and jumbled back. The car shot past almost in the same instant, swerving deliberately toward Harkness, who stumbled and fell backward, striking the pavement at Bowen's feet.

Bowen, white and sobbing with shock and fury, saw the car take the corner on a wide swing and shoot away, its number obscured in a cloud of smoke. The boy tried to regain his feet and was rocking drunkenly on his hands and feet. Bowen looked down and saw him slump to the ground and go limp.

There was an instant hue-and-cry. A policeman came running—there was no traffic officers on the corner—and someone commanded a passing cab and took after the vanished car. "Hit-and-run driver!" The city streets know no more savage rallying-cry.

But Bowen, who had seen what he had seen, knew better. To him the meaning of the seeming accident was damnable clear. Not careless, but devilishly careful, driving had dealt that death stroke. Someone didn't want Eddie Harkness to get away.

Traffic jammed around them. Mary Harkness, lifting the still body in her arms, lifted stricken eyes that looked about for help. "Ambulance, be here in a min-

ute, lady," someone told her. Bowen was aware that he had been blenting "He's all right, he's all right," into her ear, in an effort to reassure her. But as he watched the face of the policeman who had his car against Eddie's chest, he knew that it was not all right with the boy, and never would be, in this world, again.

Mary was aware that an arm went about her and lifted her up. She did not look around. Eddie was all she could think of, lying so still there, looking oddly white through his tan. She had not kept him with her as she should have done and he had come to this. He was dead, and it was her fault. She should never have let him go it alone in spite of his protestations. Self-accusation redoubled in her, reduced her to the pit of despair. Looking around dazedly, as she found a seat in the ambulance, she saw that the man with her was Bowen, the reporter. What did it matter? Everything would come out now. Nothing mattered—Eddie was dead.

As the ambulance clanged through magically clearing streets, the siren sounding its hideous wail, Mary wondered if they had caught the car yet, and what would be done with the driver. Surely God wouldn't let it get away. She prayed, grinning, tense pain together. "Catch him! Catch him!"

She slipped her hands out of Bowen's grasp as the boy on the stretcher moved restlessly and mumbled. Dropping to her knees, she put her ear close to his lips.

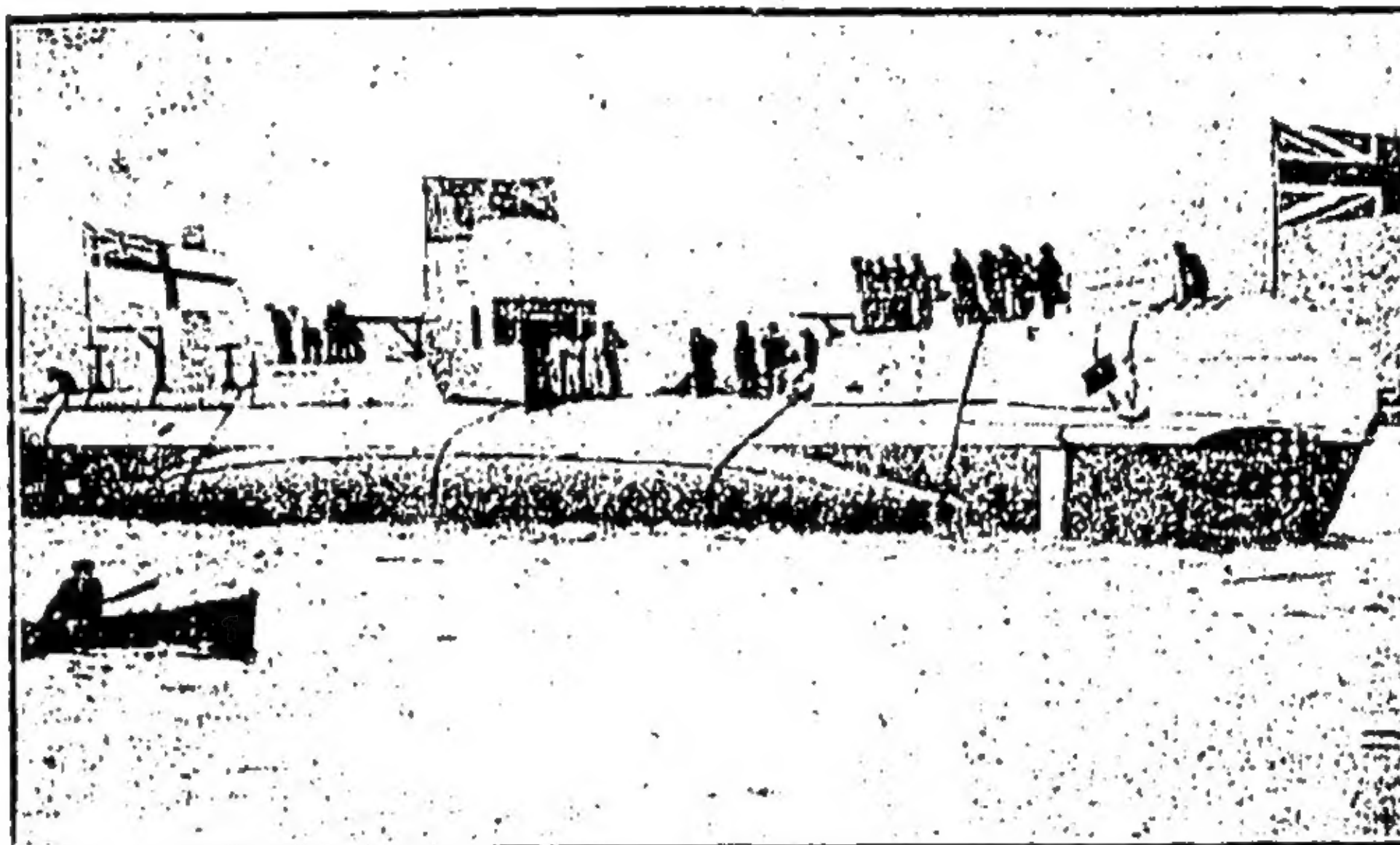
"No use, lady," the attendant warned her. "He's out. Whatever he says won't make any sense."

"He mustn't die, without telling me—" she insisted. Again the lips moved, the boy's body arched on the stretcher. "Make him give me my coat!" His voice died away weakly. Mary looked at Bowen, but there was only pity in his eyes. "He doesn't know what he's saying," he told her gently. Mary's eyes filled and she clutched him frantically. "Oh, Eddie-boy, dear, don't die!"

The attendant picked her up and Bowen drew her to the seat beside him. The two men looked at each other over her bent head. Eddie's fate was plainly written in their eyes.

The boy's lips continued their mumble and the interne, with a half-grin at Bowen, flapped his hand back and forth as if brushing a fly.

"All right, son," he told the boy (Continued on Page 11.)



The launching of H. M. Submarine Swordfish at Chatham Dockyard. She is the first of the three submarines authorized in the 1929 Navy Estimates to be put afloat. The others are the Sturgeon, under construction at Chatham, and the Thames, which is being built by Vickers-Armstrong, Limited, at Barrow.—(Times copyright.)

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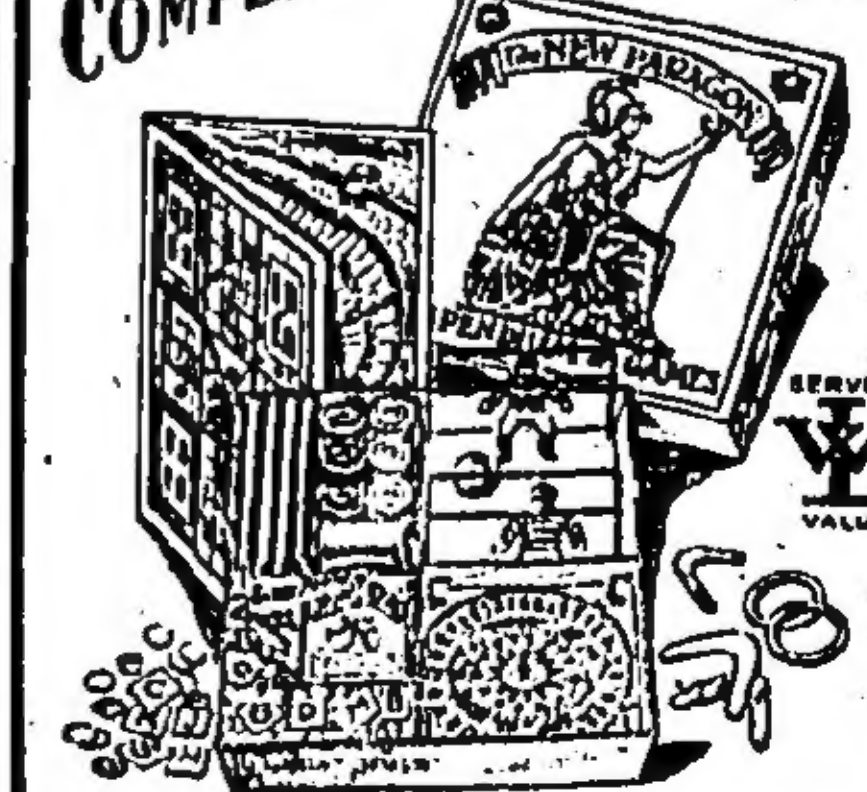


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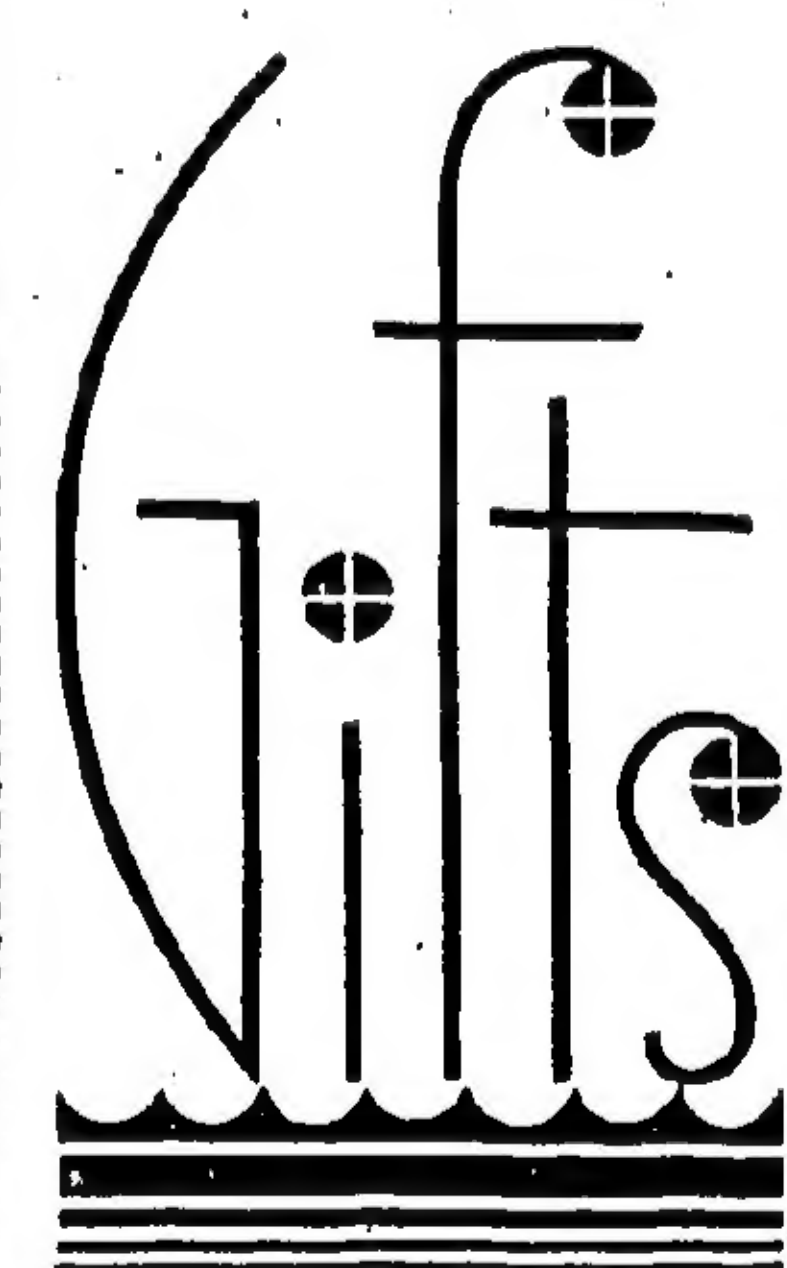
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Notice is hereby given that the supply of electricity to Tsau Wan district will be suspended between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, 20th December.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 25th December, 1931, being a Customs Holiday.

J. C. O'G. ANDERSON,
Acting Deputy Commissioner
In charge, temporarily,
Chinese Maritime Customs,
Kowloon and District,
York Building,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Rule of Racing No. 83, the China Pony Subscription Griffin No. 183, due, 14 hands, will be sold by auction at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay on Thursday, 24th December, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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December 21st.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 483.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for New Kowloon Quarry Lot No. 3," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1931, of the piece or parcel of ground as shown coloured red on a plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 4th December, 1931, and subject to the conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$1,200.
Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown in the event of the tenderer, whose tender is accepted, refusing to carry out the terms and conditions of his tender.

On the acceptance of a tender the deposits of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works,
Hongkong, 11th December, 1931.

G. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 484.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for permission to obtain clay from a parcel of Crown Land at Cha Kwo Ling, S.D. III, N.T.," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Thursday, the 31st December, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1931, of the piece or parcel of ground, containing about one acre, shown coloured red on a plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 9th December, 1931, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$1,000.
Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

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HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works,
Hongkong, 11th December, 1931.

MACAU GREYHOUND RACING CLUB.

NOTICE.

A Draw for a Number of Greyhounds will be held at the Office of the Club, 19, Avenida Almeida Ribeiro, Macau, at an early date.

These Greyhounds will be sold to members at \$300 each and are eligible for racing at the Club's "Green Island" Track, Macau.

Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$300 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

Names will be booked in the order as received.

Those wishing to participate in the above drawing and are non-members are cordially invited to apply for membership, also at the same address or at the office of the Company, Chung Tin Building, Hongkong.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

| PARTICULARS OF THE LOT. | | Boundary Measurements. | | Contents in sq. feet. | | Annual Rental. | | Upset Price. | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| No. of Sale. | Registry No. | Locality. | N. | S. | E. | W. | sq. feet. | Annual. | Upset. |
| 1 | 274 | Kowloon Island Lot No. 274, South of Kowloon, Inland Lot No. 2198, Waterloo Road. | 100 feet | 100 feet | 100 feet | 100 feet | 40,000 | \$200 | \$15,000 |
| As per sale plan. | | | | | | | | | |

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| No. of Sale. | Registry No. | Locality. | N. | S. | E. | W. | sq. feet. | Annual. | Upset. |
| 2 | 275 | Kowloon Island Lot No. 275, South of Kowloon, Inland Lot No. 2199, Waterloo Road. | 100 feet | 100 feet | 100 feet | 100 feet | 40,000 | \$200 | \$15,000 |
| As per sale plan. | | | | | | | | | |

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| No. of Sale. | Registry No. | Locality. | N. | S. | E. | W. | sq. feet. | Annual. | Upset. |
| 3 | 276 | Kowloon Island Lot No. 276, South of Kowloon, Inland Lot No. 2200, Waterloo Road. | 100 feet | 100 feet | 100 feet | 100 feet | 40,000 | \$200 | \$15,000 |
| As per sale plan. | | | | | | | | | |

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

Members are reminded that a Dance will be held in the Rooms of the Institution on Saturday, the 19th December, and requested to send their applications for tickets to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

A. L. LANDSBERT,
Hon. Secretary.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
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SUNDAY, 20th DECEMBER, Seven Races.

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FANLING HUNT RACES.

Four buses of the China Motor Bus Co. will leave the Star Ferry on Sunday, 20th December, 1931. Two at 10.30 a.m. and two at 11 a.m. going direct to Kwai Tin Race Course, via Castle Peak, and returning soon after the last race. The Return Fare including entrance to the Race Meeting will be \$3.00.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONG KONG.

Members are requested to send in as soon as possible their applications for tickets for the Ball, to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday, 6th January, 1932. Englishmen wishing to join the Society may obtain particulars from the under-signed.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1931.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

1932

(20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th February).

and

FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

1932

(5th March).

Draft programmes are now ready and may be obtained at the Secretary's office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hongkong Club, the Sports Club and the Stables, Causeway Bay.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1931.

VARSITIES DRAW.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES MEET AT CRICKET.

The annual cricket encounter between teams representing Oxford and Cambridge was played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday and ended in a draw.

The match was productive of some high scoring, altogether 450 runs being scored for nine wickets, giving an average of 50 runs a wicket. Cambridge had first lease of the wicket, and though their first wicket fell cheaply, Skyrme and Shaw were associated in a second wicket stand which produced 67 runs before Skyrme was caught by Hawkins, off Rids Shaw, however, proceeded to rattle up the runs at a fast rate and in partnership with Burrow the pair added 109 runs for the fifth wicket. Shaw's innings was typical of him. It included 21 boundary hits and five sixers. Except for a chance in the thirties the innings was without blemish.

Later with Booth, Shaw was associated in a sixth wicket stand which carried the score from 196 to 264, when the innings was declared closed.

As could be expected in an innings of this nature, none of the bowlers did anything exceptional, but R. E. O. Bird, though he did not capture any wickets, was very consistent and maintained a very good length. Sayer was unfortunate to bowl against a hitter like Shaw, and in one over conceded 18 runs to him. Faced with this big total, Oxford made a gallant attempt to win, and at the close of play had totalled 150 runs for three wickets. All three batsmen batted consistently for their scores. Sayer and Griffiths gave them a good start with 74 runs before Sayer was beautifully caught by Skyrme at deep square leg. Griffiths, however, did not stay much longer, and was caught by Shaw. Rids batted carefully for his runs, as also did Wood at the beginning, but he warmed up towards the end and hit one six. Hawkins batted vigorously.

On a charge of theft of a tin of glue from his employer, Mr. Mahk Chand, of 46, Queen's Road East, a young Chinese who appeared before Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning was fined \$25 or three weeks' hard labour in default.

"TIGER ROSE."

CURRENT ATTRACTION AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Tiger Rose" is the name of the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre, and it contains the essential ingredients of a "great outdoor" story, namely, a trapper wanted for murder, the mothering love of the girl who bears the title part, and a good-natured if relentless Sergeant of the North West Mounted Police. One of the characters is a dog with uncanny intelligence. Fine shots of typical Canadian scenery are also introduced which add much to the interest of the story. Monte Blue and Lupe Velez have the principal parts.

This picture is screened at the 5.10 and 9.15 p.m. shows only. At 2.30 and 7.15 it is replaced by a Chinese picture.

At all shows, an excellent local newsworld is screened, depicting, amongst other things, the recent tennis match between Fincher and Helen Wills Moody, the celebration of the Golden Wedding of Sir Robert and Lady Ho-tung and an assembly of the Canton Peace delegates.

TREASURY EXPERT OFF FOR PARIS.

London, Dec. 17.
Sir Frederick Leith Ross has left for Paris to exchange views with French experts in connexion with the forthcoming reparations conference.—*Reuter.*

On charges of conspiring to utter 240 counterfeit ten-cent Hongkong coins, two Chinese who appeared before Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning were formally remanded until next Thursday. The defendants were alternatively charged with being in possession of the coins. The first defendant was allowed bail in the sum of \$500 and the second \$250.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

| From | Per | Date |
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| Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers), London 10th November | Karmala | December 19. |
| Shanghai and Amoy | Tsinan | December 20. |
| Shanghai and Amoy | Tsindano | December 20. |
| Japan and Shanghai | Chiehu Maru | December 20. |
| Manila | Pres. Wilson | December 21. |
| Japan and Shanghai | General Metzinger | December 22. |
| Saigon | Forthos | December 23. |
| Straits | Terukuni Maru | December 23. |
| Japan and Shanghai | Suwa Maru | December 24. |

OUTWARD MAILS.

| For | Per | Date and Time |
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| Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong | Kingyan | Fri., Dec. 18, 3.30 p.m. |
| Amoy | Kumsang | Fri., Dec. 18, 5 p.m. |
| Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. | Emp. of Russia | Fri., Dec. 18, 3 p.m. |
| | Parcels | Dec. 18, 3 p.m. |
| | Reg. | Dec. 18, 4.15 p.m. |
| | Letters | Dec. 18, 5 p.m. |
| | (Due Vancouver B.C., 4th Jan.) | |
| Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia | Emp. of Russia | Fri., Dec. 18, 3 p.m. |
| | Reg. | Dec. 17, 5 p.m. |
| | Letters | Dec. 17, 5 p.m. |
| Holhow | Dorry | Sat., Dec. 19, 8.30 a.m. |
| Japan and *Canada via Victoria B.C. | Lion | Sat., Dec. 19, 10 a.m. |
| | (Due Victoria B.C., 12th January) | |

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

| For | Per | Date and Time |
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| Amoy | Luchow | Sat., Dec. 19, 8.30 p.m. |
| Manila | Pres. Cleveland | Sat., Dec. 19, 4.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia | Karmala | Sat., Dec. 19, 5 p.m. |
| Bangkok via Swatow | Kiangsu | Sun., Dec. 20, 8.30 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa | Canton Maru | Sun., Dec. 20, 9 a.m. |
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market this morning was quite featureless, operators apparently waiting for the pending Settlement to go through.

Sales.

Wharves, \$154.
Ewos, Tls. 16 1/2.

Buyers.

Providents (old), \$5.15.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
H.K. Lands, \$80.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$21.
Cements (combined), \$18 1/2.
Cements (old), \$12 1/2.
Entertainments (new), \$16.
Hotels (old), \$14.80.
Rauba, \$40 1/2 ex. Dividend.
Humphreys (old), \$18.10.
Ewos, Tls. 16 1/2.
China Lights, \$27.
Dairy Farms, \$23 1/2.
H.K. Amusements, \$19.00.
H.K. Government Loan, \$2 1/2 premium.

Sellers.

Ewos, Tls. \$15.00.
S.C. Enterprises, \$10.
China Lights, \$27 1/2.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1500 n.
Chartered Bank, \$11 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$17 1/2 n.
East Asia, \$128 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,450 n.
Union Ins., \$430 n.
China Underwriters, \$4.90 n.
China Fires, \$650 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,450 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$23 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$24 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$25 n.
Union Waterboats, \$27 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$10 1/2 n.
Kallans, \$24 1/2 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.
Rauba, \$40 1/2 b. x. Div.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$154 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old) \$5.15 b.
Hongkew, Tls. 225 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

Cottons.

Ewo cottons Tls. 16 1/2 b.
S'hai Cotton Tls. 82 n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 12 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. S. Hotel (old) \$14.80 b.
H.K. S. Hotel (new) \$14.60 n.
H.K. Lands, \$80 b.
S'hai Land, Tls. 32 1/2 n.
Humphreys' \$18.10 b.
Realities, \$11 1/2 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$21 b.
Peak Trams, (old), \$7.25 n.
Star Ferries, \$80 1/2 n.
China Light, \$27.50 n.
H. K. Electric, \$78 n.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$43 n.
China Buses, Tls. 17.90 n.
Singapore Traction, 4/- n.

Industrials.

China Sugars 50 cts. n.
Malibans \$38 n.
Canton Ice, \$54 b.
Cement (com.) \$18.75 b.
Ropes, \$16 1/2 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28 1/2 b.
Watson, \$16.40 n.
D. & C. Tins, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$6.60 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sinceres, \$15 1/2 n.
Powells, \$3.00 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19.00 n.
Constructions, (old) \$5.80 n.

"DADDY LONG LEGS."

GLOWING TRIBUTE ON FINE FILM.

Commenting on "Daddy Long Legs," the Fox Film featuring Janet Gaynor and Warner Baxter, a Singapore paper says:—The public will enjoy this picture and it is probable that the popular verdict will be that "Daddy Long Legs" is one of the most appealing talkies that has so far been shown.

Both young and old will enjoy the film not merely because Janet Gaynor is such a favourite with theatre-goers but really because the adorable Janet rises to great heights in her portrayals of this

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Numerous pictures
To-morrow.

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement will contain numerous illustrations of topical interest.

Sporting events illustrated will include the Lai Wah Cup match between the Civilians and Army, the Rugby game between the Navy and Club, the opening of the Chinese Football League, the Race Meeting, and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's closing day. A group of the cricket team of the Diocesan Boys' School will also appear.

There will be several pictures of the Scottish and Armoured Car Companies of the Defence Corps in camp, as well as many other pictures, including the plays staged by the pupils of the Victoria British School at their closing prize-day.

Groups taken at the weddings of Mr. James Bulloch and Miss Helen McLeod, and of Mr. William Bell and Miss Mary Bell, will also appear in Saturday's issue.

role. It is undoubtedly her excellent acting that gives the picture an appeal which is not lacking in completeness. One does not go away after seeing the picture with a vague feeling that it could have been better. Neither the acting nor the way it is produced leaves anything to be desired.

The censor has found nothing in it to call forth his "cut here" and the reason is not hard to look for. Nothing could be more wholesome than the story of Judy Abbott, seventeen-year-old orphan girl who is sent to college

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended December 24th, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10 1/2d.

A big baboon, apparently escaped from captivity, caused much excitement in Causeway Road by climbing on to verandahs and stealing clothing.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang was requested to proceed to Peking to take up an important post.

In the annual cricket match between the Police and the Press, the former won by 114 runs to 87.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board, Mr. Shelton Hooper asked, in the course of a speech, "what is the use of our coming here when members of the Executive Council, who are also members of this Board, don't attend our meetings but go there and over-ride our decisions?"

Solemn requiem mass was said at the chapel of the Salesian Institute, West Point, yesterday morning, for Don Philip Rinaldi, superior general of the Salesian Congregation. Representatives of many orders were present in addition to a large gathering of the Catholic community.

by Jervis Pendleton, a wealthy bachelor with whom she later falls in love, as he does with her, and discovers in the end that he is her Daddy Long Legs. Splendidly arranged interior sets combine with touches of pretty outdoor scenery to make a background for the story which is correct in every detail, while the photography, the sound and the continuity are of exceptional quality.

The orphanage scenes serve to display the remarkable wealth of talent in child actors and actresses that Hollywood possesses. In conclusion it may be as well to add that sob stuff plays is the secret of its success, for who will say no to the statement that sob stuff is quite unnecessary if a story so full of every human emotion is just acted naturally. Janet Gaynor does that, and she does it well.

Warner Baxter as the wealthy bachelor has a difficult role because it would be easy to fall short of the atmosphere which it is "Daddy Long Legs" duty to create. Yet he does not disappoint in one single thing. The cast includes Una Merkel, John Arledge and many who play the minor parts satisfactorily.

TO BE SOLD.

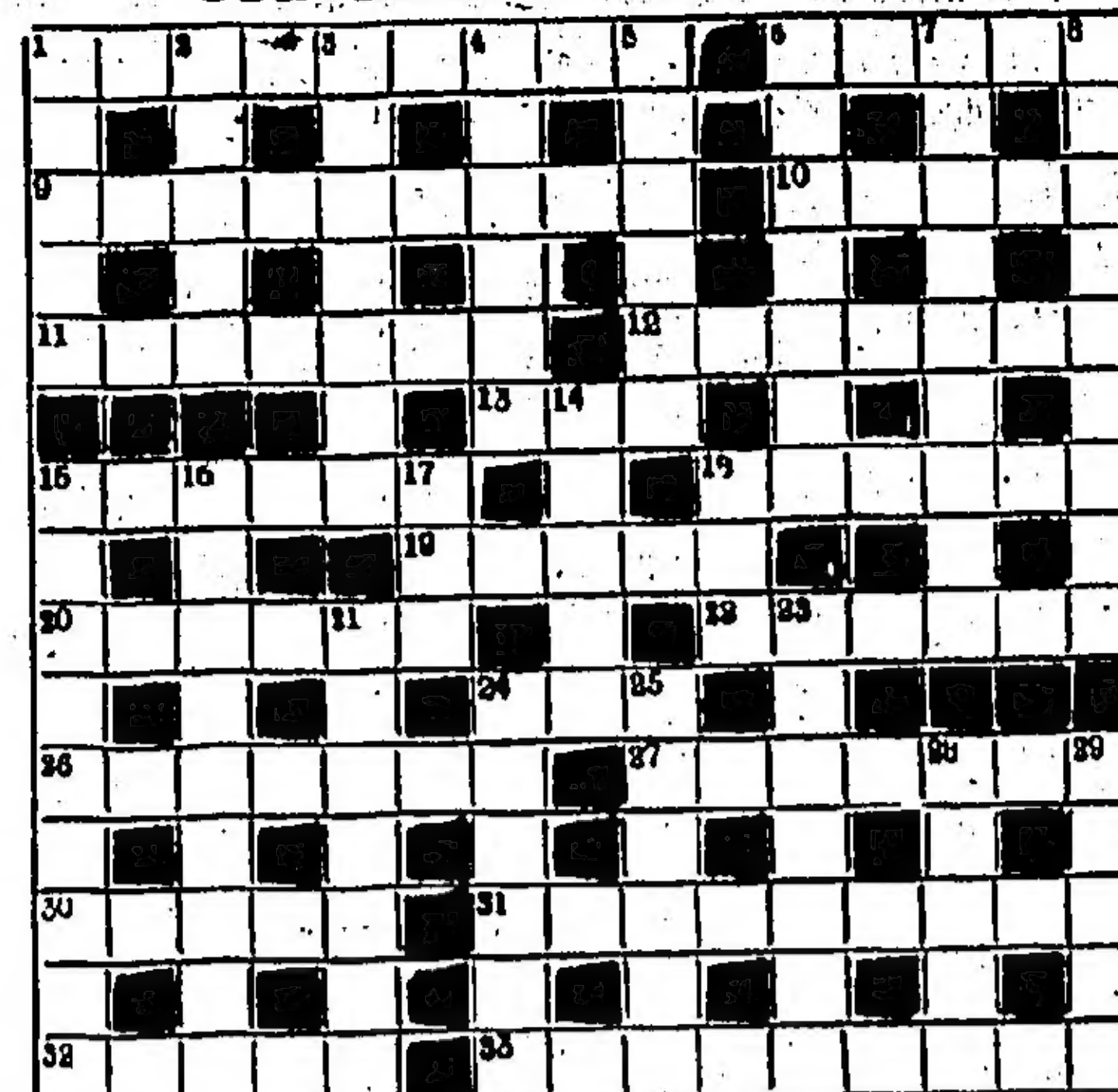
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- 6 Anything in New York is not too good.
- 7 An alarming feature near the middle of Sesostris.
- 8 The kind of blade the blade preferred.
- 9 Man's name.
- 10 Girl's name.
- 11 Show.
- 12 There are twelve.
- 13 "Oh then, I see, Queen hath been with you" (Shakespeare).
- 14 Derby name.
- 15 "Nine men" (Anag.).
- 16 Blood of the gods.
- 17 Difficult.
- 18 Kind.
- 19 The doctor's work.

Down.

- 1 Has a mouth, but cannot eat.
- 2 May easily be spelt.
- 3 Scarcely a fashionable quarter.
- 4 In a liner gather implements that might be of use.
- 5 Lots, colloquially.
- 6 Clue to 20 Across will serve.
- 7 An unpleasant quarter. (Hyphen)
- 8 This and its vis-a-vis represent ruin hardly to be escaped.

14 The entertaining part of an operation.

15 A boy headstrong in some thing or other sometimes gets it.

16 This ship starts with a tribe on board.

17 The palm variety is corrupt.

18 Found in Brummagem.

21 Temp.

23 A view; not necessarily a pleasing one.

24 A down clue will serve, but far from colloquially.

25 There was a big one pointed at Paris.

28 Frequent Welsh surname.

29 Lock.

Yesterday's Solution.

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Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1931.

BRITISH NAVAL POLICY

Yesterday's sensational report that the British Government were considering the suspension of the whole of the naval building programme agreed to in March last, excepting submarines, has met with the expected denial. It was hinted by the journal which gave publicity to the report that the suggested stoppage of construction might be made permanent, if a satisfactory agreement is reached at the forthcoming World Disarmament Conference, the idea, apparently, being to demonstrate Britain's sincerity and also induce other Powers to come into line. However, the story is now categorically refuted, though it is revealed that the whole naval problem is under consideration at the moment. There is an old saying that there is no smoke without fire; so we may assume that, despite the denial, there is some basis for the *Daily Herald* revelations.

Whilst it is generally agreed that far too much money is still being spent by the principal Powers on unproductive Army and Navy expenditure, the question does arise whether the continuance of unilateral disarmament is likely to be in the interests of future disarmament as a whole. It was rightly declared by Mr. Amery, when the British Navy Estimates were introduced last March, that the trouble since the war has been that all disarmament has, in the main, been unilateral disarmament. No country, especially in regard to its Navy, has disarmed so completely as Britain, and there has been a widespread feeling that it is dangerous to continue on a mistaken tendency that the general cause can be helped by continuous disarmament on the part of Britain, thereby lowering the country's naval standard. A fear was expressed in March last that the unilateral sag was being endorsed for the sake of securing world agreement, and, when such an agreement had been reached, to come down still further for the sake of economy. The point arises whether this really represents a wise cause, or one likely to

contribute to the cause of peace. One thing is certain, namely, that Britain has already done more than her share in cutting down naval strength, but if any real work in the interests of peace is to be achieved, it obviously must be by means of multilateral agreement, in regard to the land and air as well as the sea.

If a wholesale suspension of naval construction had emanated from a Labour Government, we might have expected general condemnation of the idea, coupled with trenchant criticism of Labour's failure to realise the nation's true needs. Indeed, even the relatively mild measures put forward in March last received very considerable adverse comment, one Conservative member going so far as to say that whilst Mr. Baldwin's Government had cut the Navy to the bone, the Labour Administration had scraped the bone. Be that as it may, there is a distinct danger in one country doing practically all the disarming and thus possibly jeopardising its security. Hence the need for caution in matters of such vital importance.

British Petrol from Coal.

The news that intensive research into methods of producing petrol and heavier oil fuels from coal has made it possible to commercialise the process with every prospect of complete success is of the greatest importance to Great Britain, economically and politically. The development may prove the salvation of the British coal mining industry, reducing unemployment, distress and industrial conflict in districts which have had more than their fair share of the general depression. It will certainly dispose of fears regarding the source of supply of Britain's oil-burning fighting ships in the event, however remote it may be, of war. It seems evident from Sir Eric Hambro's promise on Wednesday that little time will be lost in exploiting the Salerni system of low temperature carbonisation, and a start made in replacing imports of petrol oils costing Britain over £40,000,000 a year. It may take several years to develop the industry to the point where it can meet the entire British demand, but the very magnitude of the project is a point in its favour. In estimates submitted by the Imperial Chemical Industries, whose hydrogenation process, we believe, is different from the Salerni system, but for which similar merits are claimed, it was stated that thirteen plants would have to be constructed in different parts of the country to fulfil all requirements, and that the building of each plant would engage some 20,000 men for two years. If ten were started at one time, work would be found, in different trades for 200,000 men and it would not be over-optimistic to assume that the completion of this gigantic task would find at least the worst of the world depression over. The I.C.I. experimental plant at Billingham has been treating 15 tons of coal daily and producing petrol of high anti-knock value on a basis of 24 pounds of coal to one gallon of petrol. A full-size plant would hydrogenate 1,000 tons of coal daily, producing 600 tons of petrol and 280 tons of gas for the manufacture of hydrogen. Thirteen of such plants would produce all the petrol required in Great Britain and would keep 65,000 men in constant employment. The only condition, at the moment, is the maintenance of the duty on imported petrol. The cost of coal-petrol production by the I.C.I. process is 7d. The imported commodity costs 2½d. per gallon at the port, plus 8d. tax, making 10½d. before the distributor begins to make his profits. The present price is, however, abnormally low. Two years ago it was 6½d. per gallon at the port, and undoubtedly it will regain that figure or thereabouts at some time in the near future. In this event, the new enterprise, which must be regarded as one of national importance, would itself contribute a considerable sum to the Exchequer. Assuming the claims made to be fully justified, we cannot imagine the programme languishing for want of encouragement.

DAY BY DAY

THE EXTENT AND MANNER OF HIS RESORT TO ADVICE IS NO SMALL MEASURE OF THE FITNESS OF A MAN FOR LARGE AFFAIRS.—*Morley.*

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club are holding their annual dinner dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Friday, 8th January.

Members and Adherents of the Union Church, Kowloon, are reminded that the annual general meeting will be held in the School-room to-night at 9 p.m.

Fatal injuries were suffered by a man named Li Pui-kuen, aged 22, who committed suicide yesterday by leaping from an upper floor at 231, Leichikok Road.

We have received from Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. an extremely useful wall calendar issued by Bruntons, Ltd., the well-known British steel wire manufacturers.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Wu Eik-man, secretary Chinese Navy, No. 434, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Wong Lan-king, of the Government First Girls' Normal School, Canton.

A coolie, named Wu Tan-shuen, died yesterday at the Kowloon Hospital where he had been lying since November 25, suffering from injuries received in an accident at the Kowloon Godowns.

Alleging to have jumped from the third floor of No. 231 Leichikok Road at about 11.45 p.m. yesterday, a Chinese woman, 22 years of age, was killed instantly. The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Fears for the safety of Mr. D. F. Fairfax, Chief Officer of the s.s. *On Lee*, who was reported as missing since Saturday by Captain Mitchell, have been allayed, the officer being located, it is understood, on Wednesday.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade Prize drawing will be held at the rooms of the Hongkong Association on Tuesday afternoon next, December 22 at 3 p.m. Holders of tickets are invited to attend and witness the proceedings.

Mr. Ng Yim-cheung, of Reuters Financial and Commercial Service, died yesterday at the Government Civil Hospital where he had been admitted following an accident. It is stated that he fell from a passage way on to the pavement at the Company's premises at No. 1a, Chater Road, suffering a fracture to the skull from which death resulted.

Mrs. Cheung Suey-ngon, who resided here and is held by the Hongkong police on a deportation warrant for alleged theft of \$800, was stated by Chief Detective Inspector A. N. Reynolds, at the Central Police Court this morning, to have been sent to hospital. The police asked for a remand pending her discharge, Mr. Grantham adjourning the case until Monday next.

The U.S. destroyer Pillsbury arrived in Manila Bay from China on Monday bringing reports of the loss of a man at sea. "Tip" O'Neill, chief storekeeper, was reported washed overboard while the Pillsbury was battling rough seas between 7 and 11 a.m. on Sunday morning. Members of the crew of the destroyer said that no one actually saw O'Neill washed away by the sea, but after 11 o'clock on Sunday morning he was reported missing. O'Neill is survived by a wife and two children, who are in Manila.



"That's swell, Gus. With one holly wreath it's got more Christmas spirit than any window in the block."

The Nineteenth Hole.

SYSTEM LONG PAST A JOKE.

THE nineteenth may be a joke, but it's a very black hole indeed for many men. The other day I met a young insurance clerk of my acquaintance.

"Giving up golf—can't afford it!" he declared.

He is one of the most promising young golfers in the country, and naturally I was surprised.

"I've taken up tennis," he added—with rather a wry grin.

"Tennis!"

"Yes, Tennis-clubs don't take out licences; gives one the chance of a bit of exercise without having to pawn one's watch for the privilege."

"Can't you get in your round without eternally finishing at the Nineteenth?—or at any rate, can't you make it something innocuous?"

He shrugged. "I tried the ginger-beer habit, but it doesn't get you very far in big golf. There's always the other fellow."

"But if he's decent—"

"No," he corrected me, "what you mean is—if he thinks."

If he thinks; how often does he think? In giving up golf the young clerk was only doing the inevitable thing. His annual £120 couldn't hope to stand up to three or four games in the week, at any or all of which he might be expected to stand a round of drinks to men old enough to be his father. Always a few would shake their heads. But the great majority simply doesn't think—even for itself.

I know one man to whom the idea of calculating his expenses did occur; a schoolmaster with total income of £400, on which he supports a wife and two children. He figured that the Nineteenth cost him not less than £100 a year, and has been scared into reducing it to something nearer £80. He's immensely pleased with the economy; but I prefer the attitude of my insurance friend.

Hail-Fellow-Well-Meet.

We all of us know the gentleman whose fixed income has dwindled in the light of post-war standards. He used to enjoy his chats at the club and, twice a week, his game of bridge. Now he goes for after-ten-time walks—which is good—but returns with an expression of abject self-absorption. The club?—well, he might scrape together the four-guinea subscription; but he knows that a renewal of old times and old acquaintances would every evening cost him a large hole in a ten-shilling note—especially when the bridge was long drawn-out.

He would like his wine, this gentleman; he would like a benedictine with his after-dinner coffee. But he is one of those queer souls who have always—even when able to afford it—hated drinking—merely for conviviality's sake.

The relentless logic of the man who objects to a drink on the mere ground that he's not thirsty has never been popular. And many's the sport in which a man's chances of representative play are controlled by the readiness with which he accepts invitations to "come and have one." Why, it is asked, should we select an unsociable blighter like A—, who won't take his nip like any other man? Evidently he doesn't want us, so we'll jolly well show him that we don't want him! It occurs to nobody that what A—doesn't happen to want is a drink.

The sequel, of course, has never had much appeal. It's quite useless to point out that the hall-fellow-well-met-what'll-you-have man suffers from hardened arteries and blood-pressure twenty years before his time. He's been a great fellow in his day, he has, and that ought to be sufficient to console him for a mere two-score years and ten, or for an old age racked with aches and blackened by the humours of a thousand times insulted liver. It's not the man who is to blame, but the system that preys upon his moral weakness. And weakness eventually hardens into habit.

The Herd Instinct.

This is not a blue-ribbon sermon on self-denial; just a protest on behalf of the insurance-clerk, the gentleman with the fixed income, and their kind—a protest against the endless indulgence of a weakness. It creates such a false way of looking at things. The honest man who refuses others' offers because he can't afford to return the favour is daily being snuffed out by a majority whose only fault is its stupidity. There's nothing vicious in this stupidity; it arises out of a mere craven fear of unscrupulousness. But unfortunately it determines the canons of social intercourse. In spite of sneers at a hard-living past, the Nineteenth Hole is one of the hubs of average existence!

Various remedies suggest themselves. But legislation only tempts evasion, and the only really effective counter to the evil lies not in a public measure but in the private attitude. Drink only as you need to; surely to do otherwise indicates either a morbid craving or a want of backbone.

The only member of the public who benefits by the system of the Nineteenth Hole is the man without a sense of obligation. He can't or won't stand his hand, but that doesn't prevent him accepting all offers. In his most extreme form he's a very cunning fellow indeed. When one of a foursome, he holds back until round the fourth when, with the light of generosity flashing in his eyes, he claps everybody on the back and demands that they have one at his expense.

Then only is there a real excuse for taking the blighter at his word and letting the order go through for four more big ones! I. R.

MORE BOYS' PASTIMES.

IN a recent article some games of our youth were brought to the memory. There were other pastimes similar in popularity to those mentioned, but one will search our streets in vain to find the modern boy taking part in them.

I can remember how assiduously we used to apply ourselves to the fascinating art of making horse-reins. Mother had always an empty cotton reel to give us, on top of which four tin-tacks were driven in. Then came the choosing and purchasing of those small ha'penny balls of variegated wool, which we threaded on to the tacks, manipulating our stitches by means of an ordinary pin. Soon the beginning of the knitted rein appeared from below the centre of the reel, and morning, afternoon, and evening would see industrious little fingers engaged until several feet were produced—then to fix a wooden "bit" for the human steed, and away we went for trot or gallop.

Uses of the "Sucker."

Another piece of apparatus dear to the heart of youth was the "sucker."—Begging or bargaining—circular piece of leather from the family bootmaker, a length of string was fixed to the centre, and audible hopes were expressed for rain. The wetter the surface of things, the better the suction as we pressed the "sucker" on to the object with our foot. Large stones and similar material were all grist to the mill—a simple, inexpensive game, but one which returned with unfailing regularity.

On similar principles, but more annoying to those not taking part, was "window tick." In this case a small rubber sucker at the end of a long piece of knotted twine was pressed on to the window pane of some person who possibly had not encouraged our "guzzling" efforts. Drawing the thumb-nail along the twine produced a sharp rat-tat-tat of alarming loudness to the inmate, whose inevitable wrathful appearance made us run for our lives, sometimes before we could detach our toy from the window. A less exciting but highly diverting pastime was indulged in periodically—indulged in certainly—appropriately where "pipe and herb" was consorted. (Continued on Page 7.)

Y. M. C. A. DEBATE
CONVENTIONS.MAJORITY FAVOURS
ABOLITION.

FOR AND AGAINST.

Members of the European Y.M.C.A., gave an emphatic reply to the question as to whether the world should submit to the tyranny of conventions when the motion was debated in the lounge last night, and, by 18 votes, to 7, declared themselves in favour of the abolition of tyrannical taboos.

In the absence of Mr. P. S. Cassidy (Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society), Mr. E. R. Price presided.

The motion "That we ought not to submit to the tyranny of conventions," was proposed by Mr. Colin Carruthers, who at the outset referred to the difficulty of defining exactly what most people meant when they spoke of conventions. Usually it had an unpleasant and sinister meaning, and was always a bar to progress. He continued:

Complexes Created.

Generally speaking, conventions were confined to social life, and if we were not in the social swim, we found ourselves up against a set of precedents affecting those unpleasant people who believed themselves to be better than we. In other words, the term was used as an excuse for an inferiority complex.

If we are socially select, we never use the word in relation to ourselves and our ways. But we stick rigidly from habit mainly, he said in defence to a certain code of manners and speech, and these words speech and manners were not exactly to the pattern which we have been taught to regard as being right, we very discreetly suffer from a superiority complex.

We are usually between these two classes, that is, we are all slightly envious of the people who are socially above us and ever so slightly contemptuous of the people in the set next below us. It is conventional to be so.

Branded as Tyrannical.

That is what I believe to be a correct interpretation of what most people understand by convention, and the mere statement of it is sufficient to brand it as tyrannical. Not only that, but its mere bald statement is sufficient a condemnation to make us certain we should not submit to it.

It is bad for those who, implicitly or explicitly, adopt mannerisms and it is bad for those who can never hope to be conventional according to the notions of the socially select.

Mannerisms which are adopted by one section of a society merely to distinguish it from another are definitely injurious to mankind as a whole. They are developed and made conventional by contempt and superciliousness on the one hand and they develop suspicion, envy and fondness on the other.

Mr. Carruthers submitted that convention was "crystallised public opinion, and agreed that all conventions were not tyrannical, for some were short cuts and simplifications to make life easier. But some conventions had become divorced from actuality and had caused insecurity. Religion was one example where we had become merely conventional, without being sincere.

Part of Evolutionary System.

Mr. S. A. Gray, in leading the opposition, contended there were two questions to consider: whether conventions were tyrannical and, even if they were, whether they ought not to submit to them. Tyranny in its full sense was supreme power unjustly administered, and bearing that in mind, together with the idea that conventions were standards by which we lived and enjoyed intercourse with our fellow beings, carried out our business, pleasures and social activities, he submitted that it was as logical to say that conventions were tyrannical as to suggest that because a fellow wore plus fours he was a golfer.

Conventions were obviously a part of an evolutionary system which regulated the whole of life and the way we lived that life. As our attitude to life and perspective of life changed, so did conventions, and conventions could never be tyrannical, as they were conventions only while they were applicable to the conditions of life. The emancipation of women from the Victorian days of domesticity and repression of personality, clearly showed how conventions changed with the times. Although it might be fairly stated that if the conventions of 60 years ago were applied to-day they could be regarded as tyrannical, it was ridiculous to suggest that the conventions which

HARBOUR OFFICE
SHROFF.EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE
PREFERRED.

CAUTION GIVEN.

Lo Kai-to, a shroff at the Harbour Office, was charged before Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court to-day, with the embezzlement of \$169 from Harbour Office dues.

For the defendant, Mr. F. H. Loseby, after indicating that what he would be saying would be the police side of the case, told the Court that the money was collected by the defendant on a bill and was not entered in the accounts even up till four o'clock yesterday afternoon, although it was collected at 11 o'clock in the morning. There would not be any dispute over the facts, and the question would be whether there was any intention to commit this larceny, which would enable the Court to convict. The defendant would probably lose his job and he would be dealt with departmentally.

Mr. Loseby did not think the Government had suffered any loss, as the money had been turned in. The attitude of the Crown appeared to be that they would be satisfied if the defendant were cautioned. He had been 24 hours in prison.

Detective Sergeant Fitches stated that the defendant received the sum, for what were called light dues, from the Captain of the s.s. Ho Hong. It was the defendant's duty when receiving such sums immediately to make out a receipt and submit it to the Chief Accountant of the Department, Mr. T. Parkinson. Apparently the bill was suppressed. Mr. Parkinson knew that the ship had cleared, and he went to the Clearance Office to see if the bill had been paid. When approached, the defendant said he had received the bill, but had lost the money. When searched, the money was found on him. He had not left the premises after receiving it.

Replying to his Worship, Sgt. Fitches said he did not think the defendant had any intention of treating the money. The prosecution would be satisfied with a caution, and he thought the Hon. Commr. Ho would be too.

Defendant was discharged with a caution.

Many Alliances.

The fact that so many things were bound up in conventions made it absolutely imperative that the precedents should not be wiped out merely because they appeared in certain respects as being tyrannical. Fashions, habits, tradition, law, culture, education and religion were all closely allied to conventions, and to destroy these conventions would create nothing but sheer unholy chaos, which would rip Society and all that it meant from end to end.

They could not study the individual only when it came to the question of breaking down conventions. Though individually a person might feel very sore concerning a convention, the fact that the majority held it to be correct must of necessity take precedence over the individual complaint.

Historical Aspect.

In seconding Mr. Carruthers' motion, Mr. H. Brokenshire maintained that the flouting of conventions in the past had been responsible for the progress of the world, and that if some of the old conventions had not been broken, it was possible that we would not have advanced from the Stone Age. The pages of history, he said, were liberally sprinkled with illustrations of men and women who had refused to bow to the conventional, and by doing so had advanced the world to a better state.

It was not correct, he said, that the insubmission to convention would bring the world into a chaotic state. Even to-day there were notorious flouters of convention and there were no signs of a chaotic state. The little changes in convention, he concluded, were immaterial and not tyrannical, but all breakings away from the orthodox that had remained permanent, were progressive.

Deplorable Unconventionalists.

Mr. C. F. Bernard, seconding the opposition, said the association of human beings for the progress of the world was convention. To-day the cry of "We" was going up instead of "I." The individual freedom which was demanding a freedom which, if granted, would only blind them stronger to chains which bar progress. They miss entirely the aims of conventions, which give the power that guards the believer's progress to his goal. He regarded the tearing down of the stability of convention as one of those deplorable efforts of so-called modern minds to destroy the jewel of human nature itself.

COLLISION CASE
SUBMISSIONS.KIANGSU "DOING 7
TO 8 KNOTS."JAPANESE SHIP'S
MOVEMENTS.

Alleging that the s.s. Kiangsu had steamed into the s.s. Tokooka Maru in a fog at a speed of between seven and eight knots, while the latter ship, having reached an anchorage ground, was lying practically motionless in the water, Mr. H. G. Sheldon opened the case for the defence in the C.N.C. v. N.Y.K. action which was resumed in the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and the Harbour Master (Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., Retired) as Assessors.

The China Navigation Company, owners of the Kiangsu, are claiming \$40,000 damages from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, owners of the Tokooka Maru, while the N.Y.K. cross-claim for \$40,654.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., for the China Navigation Company, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon is for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Seeking Refuge.

Mr. Sheldon, in opening his case, said that on March 22, this year, the Tokooka Maru, a steamer of 4,388 odd tons, carrying a licensed pilot, Li Wai, left a Kowloon wharf at 7.10 a.m. The weather was misty and the ship was steered on various courses. At 7.32 she set her course north-75-east. At 7.43 thick fog approached from the north-east of the harbour, about five cables away, and the Master and pilot jointly decided to seek refuge in the anchorage to the north of the channel.

At the time that the decision was made, and just before, with the fog some five cables away, no incoming ships were sighted and no incoming ships were heard.

Counsel continued that what had been termed by the other side the "suicidal" crossing of the fairway, had not clearly brought out the distance which the Tokooka Maru had to travel in order to reach the anchorage, which was approximately 4.2 cables, about 600 yards. It was, therefore, never the case of a ship going a long journey across a crowded fairway. It was a case of a ship, with fog coming down some five cables away, with only 600 yards to go to reach anchorage.

On course being altered to reach the anchorage the regulation fog signals were sounded and at 7.44 a whistle was heard which appeared to be from a distance, about three points on the starboard bow. Immediately that whistle was heard the engines were stopped and the Tokooka Maru continued on her course towards the anchorage.

Whistle Heard.

At 7.48 the whistle of the Kiangsu was heard and, almost simultaneously, that ship was seen by both the Master and the pilot. The Tokooka Maru's engines were put full-speed astern, and at 7.50 or 7.51 the collision occurred.

Mr. Sheldon went on to say that the Tokooka Maru's speed, after course had been set to go to the anchorage, was 7.43 engines slow, speed about five knots. 7.44 engines stopped. 7.48 engines were full astern, and when the collision occurred there was no way, or practically no way, on the Tokooka Maru. In a dense fog, it was very difficult for the most accomplished seaman to say whether a ship had motion through the water or not. His Lordship:—Do you mean that the Kiangsu came up against the Maru and that the latter ship was stationary?

Mr. Sheldon:—Yes. His Lordship:—The Kiangsu steamed or drifted against you? Mr. Sheldon:—Steamed against us.

Speed Submission.

Counsel continued that the Kiangsu's speed, from 7.45 until the collision, which occurred at 7.50 or 7.51, was, according to the evidence, in his submission, certainly seven and a half knots over the ground, probably, eight or more.

He referred to the fact that the

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the Soul. They ignore it simply because the only shame they ever feel is the shame of facing it, and they seek to cover their crimes with the selfish actions and loose speaking which their creed demands.

After the motion had been discussed from the body of the hall, and the tenders had replied, a ballot was taken, when the motion "That we ought not to submit to the tyranny of Convention" was passed.

FURTHER MOTOR
OFFENCES.TOOTING NUISANCE STILL
TO THE FORE.

OTHER BREACHES.

Excessive sounding of motor-car horns still engages the attention of the Central Police Court Magistrate who, this morning was called upon to deal with several further cases in which drivers were alleged to have created unnecessary annoyance to the public.

In one case a driver was stated to have driven his car from Statue Square into Connaught Road, to Pedder Street and back to Chater Road, sounding his horn throughout. He also cut across the stand in front of another car in Chater Road. When stopped, the driver remarked that he had borrowed the car and was looking for the driver.

On the summons for the horn nuisance a fine of \$5 was imposed, a further fine of \$5 being imposed on a summons for failing to keep to his own side of the road by crossing in front of another car on the public stand in Chater Road.

For driving in reverse from Ice House Street to Wardley Street along Chater Road and steering a zig-zag course throughout, the driver of a public car was fined \$5, a similar fine being imposed for failing to stop when called upon by a police officer. The defendant was alleged to have been attempting to park in front of the other cars on the public stand and, on seeing a police officer approach, reversed along Chater Road.

In finding a Chinese motor cycle driver \$5 for not having the exhaust of his machine working silently, his Worship remarked to the defendant that he would have to get it repaired or else buy a new machine.

The defendant said the machine was in the same condition as it was when he had bought it. Several attempts had been made to silence the exhaust but without success.

It was stated that after the defendant was stopped and informed of the annoyance he drove away and made a worse noise than previously.

His Worship:—The only alternative for him was to push it home.

HQUE BUSH FIRE IN
AUSTRIALIA.FLAMES ADVANCING ALONG
150-MILE FRONT.

Sydney, Dec. 14. The greatest grass and bush fires on the western plains in the past ten years are sweeping northwards on a front 150 miles in length.

In an area between Bourke, Colmar, and Willemia many large stations have been completely destroyed.

All the men in the affected districts are being organised to fight the fires, which are travelling at the rate of 40 miles a day before southerly and westerly winds.

The Royal Observatory reports that a fresh anticyclone has formed over S.E. Mongolia.

Captain of the Kiangsu had estimated the distance between the ships on sighting the Tokooka Maru at between 300 and 400 feet away, while the Captain of the Tokooka Maru had estimated it at between 600 and 900 feet. If his Lordship decided he had to make a finding on that, then he could strike the mean, such as between 600 and 700 feet.

Mr. Sheldon went on to say that the force of the collision was so violent that the Tokooka's bow, which had been lying north-east, was turned into a position facing north-west, and the bow was badly bent.

Counsel said his submission was that the Tokooka Maru, having reached her anchorage ground with no way on her—or if she had any way it was so slight as to be negligible—was, for all practical purposes, lying motionless in the water, and was run into by the Kiangsu, which was travelling between seven and eight knots in a fog so dense that a ship which was between 600 and 800 feet away could not be seen; and that, although the fog signals of the Tokooka Maru had been heard, yet the engines of the Kiangsu were not stopped at all.

"Suicidal" Resented.

It would be a question for his Lordship as to whether the conduct of the Captain of the Tokooka Maru, which had been described by Mr. Potter as "suicidal"—a description which, in counsel's opinion, was not very fortunate, and which was rather resented by his client—could not also be applied in the case of the Captain whose case Mr. Potter was supporting.

Mr. Sheldon then proceeded to deal with the law and the case in proceeding.

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8.30-10.30 p.m. Dance programme. (Unannounced.)

Fox Trot—Apologize.

Fox Trot—A Little Less of Moonlight. 22781.

Fox Trot—Let's Drift Away on Dreamer's Bay.

Fox Trot—Now That I Need You. 22805.

Fox Trot—The Mystery Song. 22800.

Fox Trot—Meantime. Not Goodbye.

Fox Trot—The Gals Little Things You Do. 22782.

Fox Trot—I Can't Get Mississippi Off My Mind. 22705.

Fox Trot—With You On My Mind I Find I Can't Write the words. 22787.

Fox Trot—Alone in a Corner. 22787.

Fox Trot—My Success. 22787.

Fox Trot—It's A Long Time Between Kisses. 22799.

Fox Trot—Love Letters In The Sand. 22799.

Fox Trot—When The Moon Comes Over The Mountain. 22746.

Fox Trot—Without That Girl. 22746.

Fox Trot—Limehouse Blues. 22743.

Fox Trot—Echoes of The Jungle. 22743.

Fox Trot—After Te-Night. 22744.

Fox Trot—One Night Alone With You. 22744.

Fox Trot—Buffalo Rhythm. 22744.

Fox Trot—On The Beach. 22744.

Fox Trot—The First Girl I Met. 22744.

Fox Trot—When The Clock Is Striking Twelve. 22764.

Fox Trot—I Must Have It. 22764.

Fox Trot—You're Just My Type. V38124.

Fox Trot—Punchatrain. V38125.

Fox Trot—Fussy Mabel. V38125.

Fox Trot—Leven Thirty Saturday Night. V38124.

Fox Trot—I'm Feelin' Devilish. V38131.

Fox Trot—I'll Make Fun For You. V38142.

Fox Trot—Then Someone's In Love. V38142.

Fox Trot—Smile Darn Ya, Smile. V38142.

Fox Trot—I'm Crazy 'Bout My Baby. 22662.

Fox Trot—Come To Me. 22756.

Fox Trot—As Long As You're There. 22756.

Waltz—Tales from the Vienna Woods. D1218.

Waltz—Blue Danube. D1218.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Moutrie and Co. 10.30-10.45 p.m.

Variations Symphoniques (Cesar Franck).

Played by Alfred Cortot and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir London Ronald. 6734-6735.

10.45-11.00 p.m. (approx.). Rugby mid-day press news, and Board of Trade London Letters.

11.00-12.00 midnight (approx.). Relay of the 2nd Act of "Miss Hook of Holland" from the Theatre Royal by courtesy of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society.

12.00 midnight (approx.). Close down.

MORE BOYS'
PASTIMES.

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This was sold in ha'penny packets, and we did our best to emulate our elders as we puffed away at that harmless smoking mixture in rustic-looking pipe. At her request we would permit one of the fair sex to "have a draw," after which she possibly wondered why she had been so envious of the smoker.

Walking High.

Then "stiffs"—wasn't it grand to be able at last to maintain balance on those long poles that allowed us to gaze over sundry garden walls, erected presumably for privacy? Didn't we have also those little cast-iron tops which were kept spinning by applying the side of our boot; the pushovers to bombard friend and foe alike; twanging Jew's harp from which we never could coax anything resembling a tune; and bombshell on string to startle the passer-by?

And last—that which was a combination of pastime and refreshment—the bottle of "sugarally" water. A few chips of liquorice in a half-filled bottle of water, followed by an energetic shaking, was sufficient to bring a frothy head to the mixture, which was rapturously sucked up through the neck of the bottle until the

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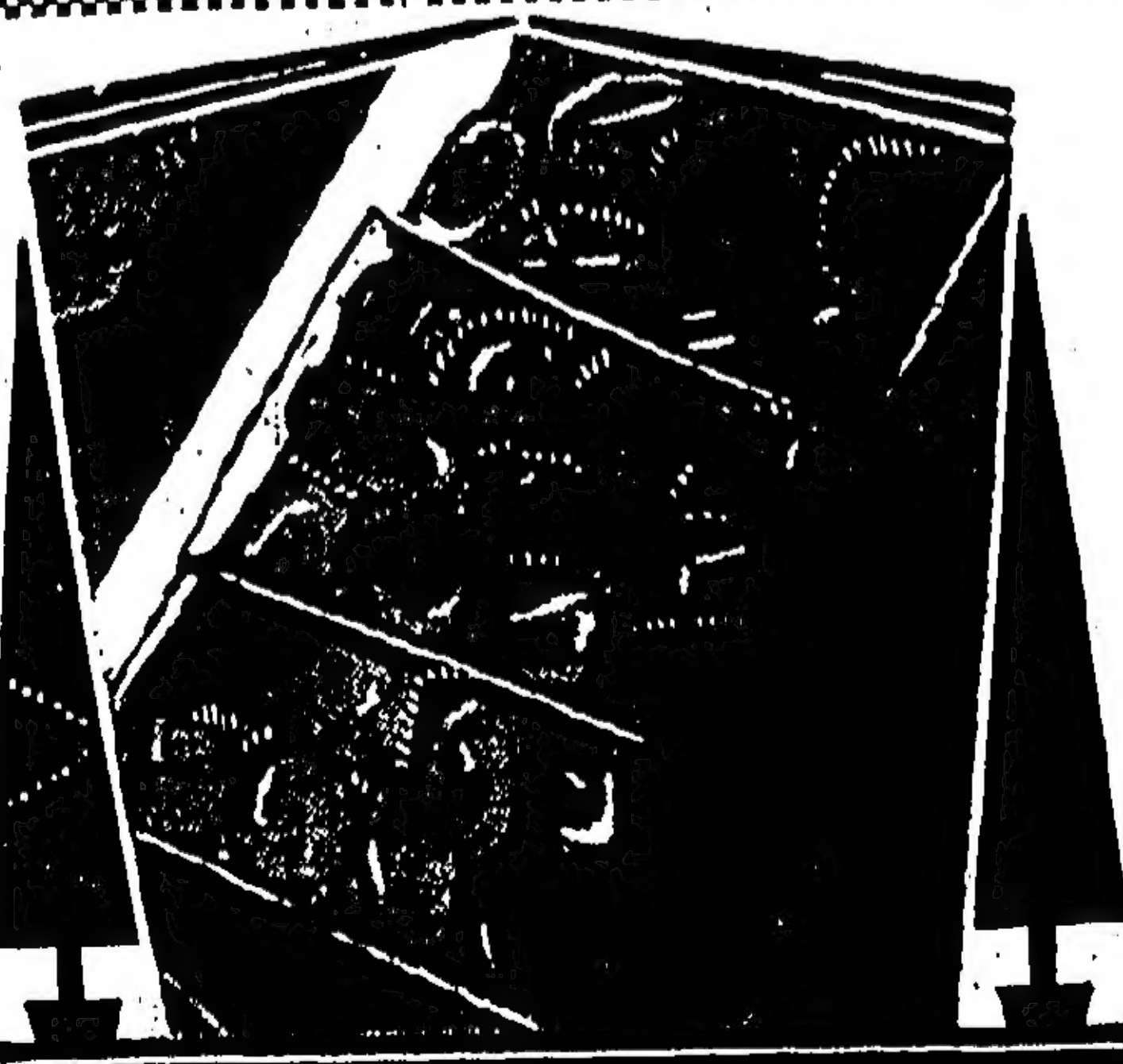
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LOCAL FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

NAVY TO MEET THE BORDERERS.

The clash of the Navy and the South Wales Borderers on the Kowloon ground should provide the most interesting match on the Hongkong Football League schedule for to-morrow, which is as follows:

Senior Division.
St. Joseph's v. Police.—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.
Argylls v. H.K.F. Club.—Sookun-poo, 4 p.m.
Royal Navy v. S.W. Borderers.—Kowloon, 4 p.m.
Recreio v. Kowloon.—Recreio, 4 p.m.

Second Division.
S.W. Borderers v. Club.—Sookun-poo, 2.30.
University v. R.A.O.C.—St. Joseph's, 2.30.
Kowloon v. 12th Batty.—Kowloon, 2.30.

Third Division.
St. Joseph's v. Recreio.—Club, 2.30.
Police, Argylls, Borderers and Kowloon are probable winners in the Senior Division, while the Borderers, R.A.O.C. and 12th Batty should obtain Second Division points.

Probable teams include:
Club.—Rodger, Strange, MacFarlane, Raiton, Skinner, Baldwin, Alexander, Seya, Ien, Howe, Bell and E. Strange.
Kowloon.—Gurevitch; London, Martin, Hedley, McKelvie, Bliss, Gillott, Bryant, Timberlake, Duncan, Bickford.

Police.—Fraser, Perkins, Brittain, Thorpe, Channing, Dowman, Moss, Hudson, Cornwall, Shepherd, C. Pile.

Kowloon 2nd.—Cameron; I. Williams, Wells; Whitfield, Caplan, Blake, Nicholls, Dornay, Simpson, Cotton, Eastman.

Club 2nd.—Fogwell; Raiton, Sloan, Hooper, Punccheon, Tavlin, Bradbury, Fowler, Reid, Duncan and Farrow.

Chinese League.
The Chinese League fixtures for to-morrow are:

Yee Woo v. South China "A".
S. China "B" v. Sung Ching.
Eastern v. Chinese Ath. "B".

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

New Course.

9.28 D. G. Bruce, T. R. Chassels.
9.36 A. Anderson, A. B. Purves.
9.44 M. N. Cochran, J. R. Masson.
9.52 G. T. May, J. D. Danby.
10.00 G. V. T. Marshall, G. Anderson.
10.08 G. C. Lelper, F. Duley.
10.16 R. I. Cherrill, G. Thomerson.
10.24 W. A. Stewart, Mrs. Sherry.
10.32 Mrs. Anderson, Miss Swift.
10.40 J. S. Dykes, Miss Wilson.

Old Course.
9.28 O. E. C. Marton, I. W. Shevan.
9.36 W. D. Hughes, Comdr. Weeks.
9.44 M. Mundy, A. O. Brawn.
9.52 Capt. Grant, A. B. Raworth.
9.59 J. Stuart, J. M. Walker.
10.07 I. H. Geare, K. E. Greigg.
10.15 R. D. Hunter, L. R. Andrews.
10.23 R. Young, H. U. Ireland.
10.31 H. C. B. Way, G. Reeve.
10.39 W. R. Vallance, A. D. Humphreys.

10.08 C. Cable, G. G. Johnston.
10.16 B. D. Evans, R. W. Taplin.
10.24 W. C. Shields, G. R. M. Robertson.
10.32 G. F. Hole, H. R. Sturt.
10.40 E. des Voeux, S. S. Perry.
10.48 J. P. Sherry, W. A. Weight.
10.56 Lane Crawford & Co., Hongkong University.

10.20 J. E. Richardson, P. S. Grant.
10.28 A. R. Campbell, R. C. Law.
10.36 A. J. R. Wolf, T. Low.
10.44 H. P. Bailey, J. P. Hollingdale.
10.52 Comdr. Priestley, C. Mycock.
10.59 C. W. F. Booker, W. D. Denham.
11.07 J. G. Campbell, N. K. Littlejohn.

11.04 A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Robb.
11.12 R. H. McBean, R. Roundell.
11.20 E. R. Sandstrom, G. W. Mayhew.
11.28 R. H. McBean, R. Roundell.
11.36 F. C. Young, R. Webb.
11.44 A. M. Parker, E. Stone.

RUGBY MATCH.

The following will represent the M.G. Troop H.K.V.D.C. versus the 1st I.R.F.C. 1st XV on Monday 21st inst. on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, kick-off 5 p.m. sharp:—Cpl. Ferguson, Sgt. Grieco; Tpr. Bovill, Tpr. Wade, Tpr. Lammert (Capt.); Tpr. Jenkins, Tpr. Robertson; Tpr. McClelland, Tpr. West, Tpr. Huxley, Tpr. Wolfe, Tpr. Cleland, Tpr. Hulton, Tpr. Beaumont, Tpr. Nigel, Reserves.—Tpr. Evans, Tpr. Cochrane, Tpr. Field, Referee.—Engineer Commander Wilson, R.N.

The following team will represent Kowloon Rugby Club in a game at 4.15 o'clock to-morrow afternoon against H.M.S. Hermes at King's Park:—Easterbrook; Keith-Murray, White, Kilby, Ferguson; Black; Crozier; Copan, Hardy, Graham; McNider; Riddell, Wilson, Walters, Apple, McEwen; Stokes, Bonham, Davis, Muller.

BOXING.

CITY HALL
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LEAGUE CRICKET.

SELECTED TEAMS FOR
GAMES TO-MORROW
AFTERNOON.

The following have been selected to
represent the Civil Service C.C. in
their League matches against the
H.K.C.C. to-morrow:

1st team at C.S.C.C. ground:—B.
D. Evans (Capt.), J. E. Richardson,
G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, E. B.
Reed, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, R. M.
Wood, J. Barrow, J. F. McGowan, E.
W. Hamilton.

2nd team at H.K.C.C. ground:—
H. E. Strange (Capt.), B. C. K. Haw-
kins, A. E. Wood, W. H. Edmonds,
C. H. G. Bradley, F. Matthews,
A. W. Grimmett, S. Randle, R. H.
Woodman, R. G. Robertson, J. M.
Wilson.

R.A.S.C. v. R.E. and S.

The following have been selected to
represent the R.A.S.C. in a league
match to be played against the Royal
Engineers and Royal Signals at Sookun-
poo on Wednesday 23rd December,
1931:

W. O. I. (Edn.) Pamplin (Capt.),
S/Sgt. Skipp, Sgt. Hurst, L/Cpl.
Spain, L/Cpl. Cadman, L/Cpl. Rey-
nolds, Pte. Funnell, Pte. Evers-Buck-
land, Dvr. Gray, Dvr. Whitley, Dvr.
Castelow.

Reserves, Cpl. Wedge, Pte. Beres-
ford.

Scorer, Sgt. King.

Boxing Day Match.

The same eleven have been selected
to represent the R.A.S.C. in a league
match against the Hongkong C.C. 2nd
eleven to be played at Sookunpoo on
Boxing Day, December 26.

Volunteer Team.

The following will represent the
Hongkong Volunteers in their match
against the Indian Recreation Club at
Sookunpoo on Sunday, the 20th inst.
commencing at 2 p.m.:—A. C. Beck,
S. V. Gittins, N. A. E. Mackay, R. H.
Griffiths, F. S. W. Smith, G. E. R.
Divett, A. H. Harbord, D. McEllan,
W. H. Genter, L. A. Whipples, L. D.
Kilbee.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

THE CAER CLARK CUP
COMPETITION

The following will represent the
Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club in a
Caer Clark Cup match against the
C.B.A. (Ladies Hockey Section) at
Sookunpoo on Saturday, 19th Decem-
ber at 3.30 p.m.:—M. Bird, E. M.
Gray, J. Smalley, E. Ross, B. M. Pope,
M. L. Wallace, A. McElroy, M. A.
Jones, E. Bonnar, C. Ferguson and
A. G. Orme. Referee, E. Blackburn.

There will also be a match between
the R.A.M.C. and the Hongkong
Ladies' Hockey Club 2nd XI on the
Naval Ground at Happy Valley at 3
p.m. The following team will re-
present Hongkong Ladies:—M. King,
N. Ferguson, F. Webster, E. O'Hagan,
B. Franklin, I. Butler, E. S. Laing,
J. Whyte, P. M. Harrop, M. Smalley
and R. King.

In their first match against St.
Andrew's Ladies Hockey Club at
King's Park yesterday, a European
team from the Radio Sports Club
defeated the ladies by 1 goal to nil.

The men were given a fast game and
secured their win after great exertion.

Mamak Shield Competition.

The following will represent the
"Incognitos" against the Hongkong
Police in the Mamak Hockey Com-
petition on Sunday, at 11 a.m. sharp
on the R.A. ground:—H. Barrow, F. M.
Silva, R. Silva-Netto, F. Barros, W.
Reed, N. Beltrao, C. Barros, F.
Remedios, E. V. Reed, R. Reed and
J. A. do Soares. Reserves:—A.
Rodrigues.

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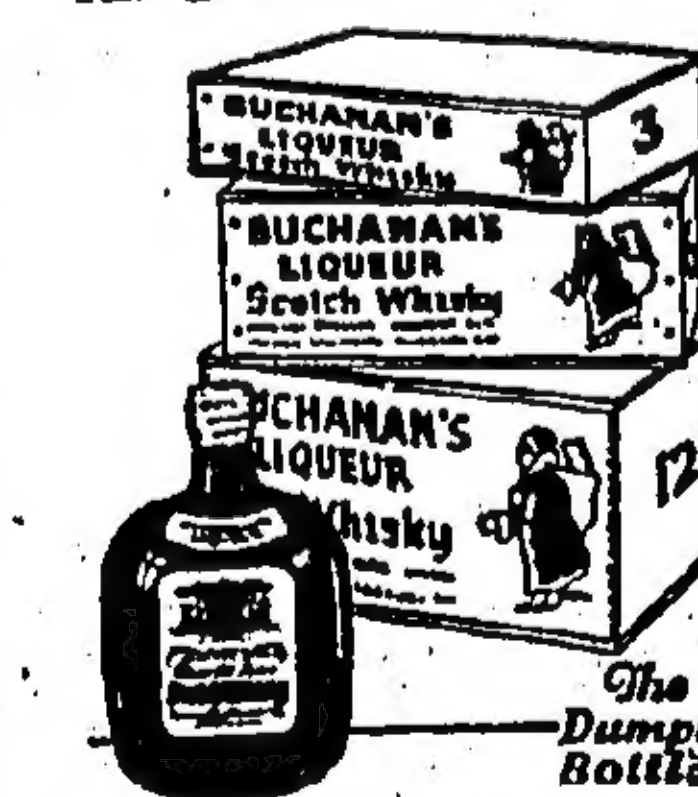
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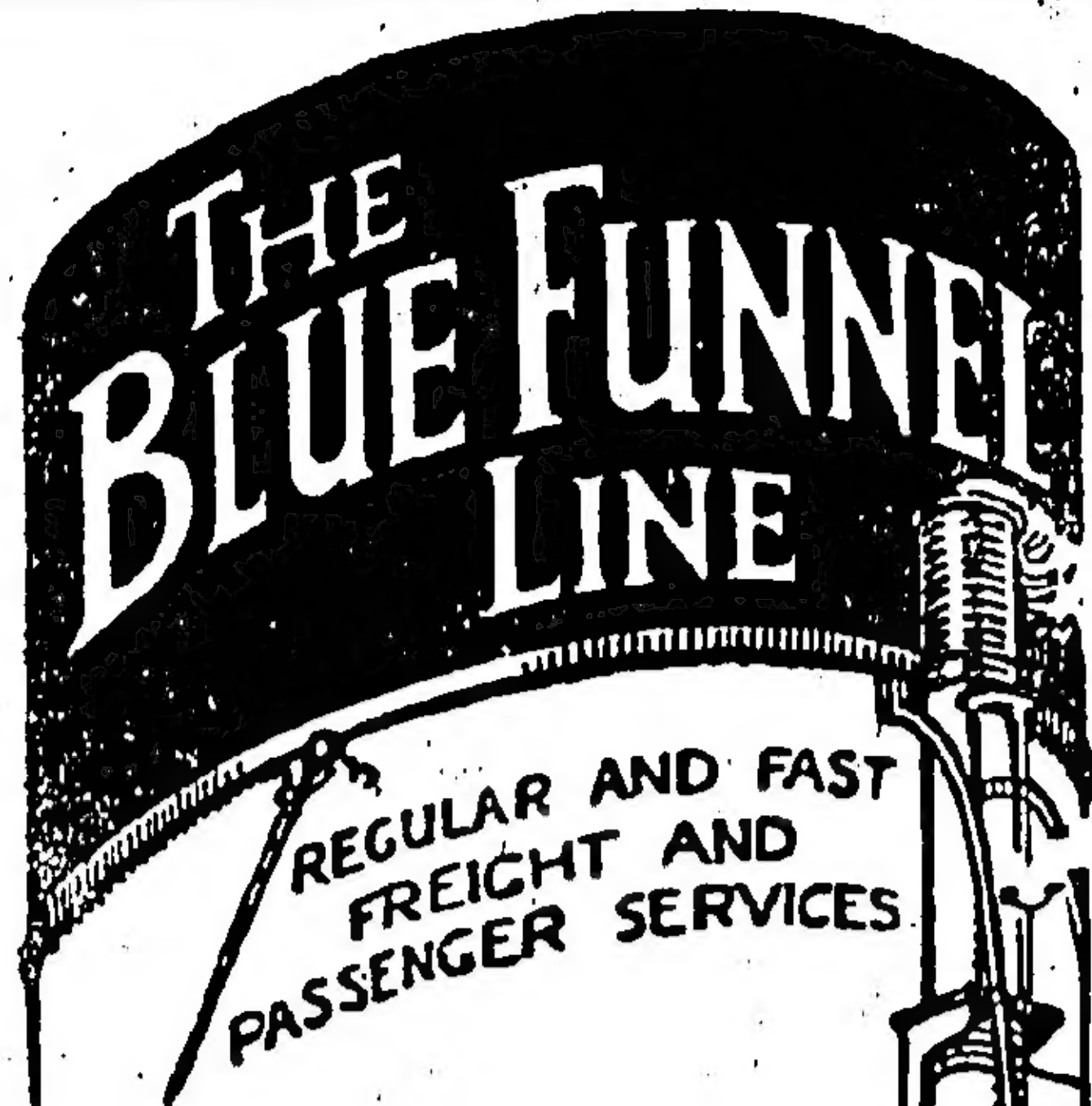


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| Oslo.....18 1/2 | 18 1/2 | Hongkong.....1/16 1/2 | 1/16 1/2 |
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| Athens.....20 1/2 | 20 1/2 | Copenhagen.....18 1/2 | 18 1/2 |
| Buenos Aires.....40 1/2 | 40 1/2 | Prague.....110 | 110 |
| Shanghai.....1/11 1/2 | 1/11 1/2 | Lisbon.....109 1/2 | 109 1/2 |
| New York.....34 1/2 | 34 1/2 | Rio.....4 1/2 | 4 1/2 |
| Amsterdam.....8 1/2 | 8 1/2 | Bombay.....1/16 1/2 | 1/16 1/2 |
| Stockholm.....18 | 18 | Yokohama.....2 1/2 | 2 1/2 |
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STUDENTS RIOT.

OFFICES OF NEWSPAPER WRECKED.

Nanking, Dec. 17.
Shouting "Down with the Kuomintang," some 3,000 students again stormed the Central Party headquarters this afternoon, doing considerable damage, but dispersed when troops arrived. The students then proceeded to the Central Daily News two-story building, which they completely wrecked. Troops and police eventually dispersed the rioters, after effecting thirty arrests.—Reuter.

Government to Act.

Nanking, later.
Late to-night, the Garrison Headquarters announced that from tomorrow the Government is taking drastic steps to curb student activities in the capital, and will maintain order "at all costs."

It is believed this action is due to representations from diplomatic quarters.

Fatal Encounters.

It is learned that this afternoon students carried off a member of the staff of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, and stabbed him to death. One student who fell into a creek during the clash of students and soldiers was drowned, while two others, suffering from immersion in the icy water, are not expected to live.—Reuter.

Foreign Opinion.

London, Dec. 17.
A resumption of the sway and tiresome intrigues of war lords and unscrupulous politicians who the Manchester Guardian's forecast of China's future, as a result of the removal of Chiang Kai-shek and two of his "ablest Ministers."

The Guardian wonders how the new situation will affect questions like extrajudicial, but perforce is prepared to await a revelation of the policies of "those who brought about Chiang's resignation."—Reuter.

KOWLOON FLAT MYSTERY.

MR. CARSTAIRS' DEATH INVESTIGATED.

The tragic affair of the morning of May 21 last when Mr. Douglas Carstairs was found dead in bed was recalled at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Mr. Frazer, with the help of a jury, conducted an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. Carstairs.

Medical evidence given by Dr. P. F. S. Court showed that it was doubtful if the stab wound, from which the deceased died, had been self-inflicted. Death, in his opinion, must have followed from three to five minutes after the wound had been inflicted.

The jury empanelled consisted of Messrs. A. D. Humphreys (foreman), J. M. N. Silva and K. H. Tan.

After evidence had been given the inquiry was adjourned until December 30th.

AFFORESTATION WORK

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The wonderful work that is being accomplished in the development of New Zealand's forest areas was demonstrated cinematographically yesterday afternoon under the direction of Mr. Landon Smith, the Managing Director of the New Zealand Perpetual Forests, Ltd. to an interested audience at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Bridges Street).

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JAPAN'S TROOPS.

MIXED BRIGADE FOR MANCHURIA.

Tokyo, Dec. 17.
The Cabinet has sanctioned the despatch of an additional mixed brigade to Manchuria.

It is expected that the Brigade which was sent from Korea on September 9 will be withdrawn.—Reuter.

[According to a telegram published yesterday the Japanese Cabinet was considering the despatch of a mixed brigade to the Kwantung leased territory where the troops would be available to provide relief for the troops in Manchuria. It is expected that one or two battalions will be earmarked to proceed to Tientsin in the event of disturbances in North China arising out of General Chiang Kai-shek's resignation.]

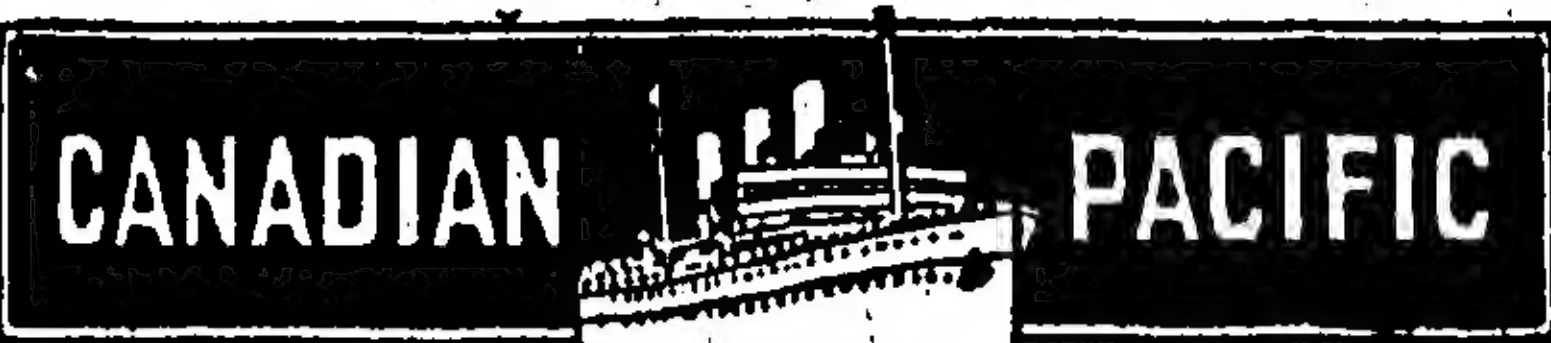
The Commission.

Paris, Dec. 17.
It was learned to-day that the composition of the Manchurian Commission will not be known before the week-end, at the earliest.

Difficulties arise in finding men with three-fold requisites, firstly youthfulness and vigorous health to stand the climate, secondly sufficient spare time, and thirdly adequate authority.

Meanwhile the names mentioned of possible nominees include, for France, Generals Degoutte, Sorigny and Claudel, and Admiral Herr (at present commanding in Chinese waters); for Germany, General Von Seeck, former Ambassador Solf, and Herr Schaefer; for Italy, Signor Schanzer; for the United States, the former Under Secretary Mr. Norman Davis; and for Britain, Mr. McMillan.—Reuter.

and was most instructive regarding the details of an industry about which little is known in this part of the world.



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day, took place at the Happy Valley
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was attended by a big gathering.
The Rev. C. B. Shann officiated at
the graveside.

Among those present were Mr.
F. C. E. Rendall, Capt. T. T.
Laurensen, Mr. H. Nish, Mr. H.
Gillies, Mr. A. W. Ingram, Mr. D.
Ainslie, Mr. T. A. R. Shaw, Mr.
James, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Thayer,
Capt. Lumsden, Mr. J. A. Craig,
Mr. I. Robertson, Mr. T. Mitchell,
Capt. Hodge, Capt. Williams, Capt.
White, and many others.

Wreaths were sent by His
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character last evening, for senior
pupils. About 200 persons were
present, including parents and
friends.

Three short plays presented on
the earlier occasion were repeated,
the Church Hall where the per-
formance was given, being packed
to overflowing. The performers, all
of whom were pupils of the school,
acquired themselves with much
credit, and they were warmly ap-
plauded at the close.

Dancing followed in the School
Hall, attended by a fancy dress
parade at which a number of
original costumes were in evidence.
The Headmaster's prizes for the
best dresses went to Stella Bander,
who was conspicuous in a Queen
Anne costume, and A. Iffa, whose
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No. 52/31.—Hongkong Volunteer
Defence Corps orders by Lieut.-Col.
L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., command-
ing:

- Parades. Dec. 17.
- (a) Battery.—Parade at Corps Head-
quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thurs-
day, 7th, January, 1932.
- (b) Engineer Company.—1. Sunday,
December 20th. Classification
Part II. Stencutters. Launch
leaves Queen's Pier, 9 a.m. and
Police Pier, Kowloon 9.10 a.m.
Dress:—Uniform or multi op-
tional, equipment must be worn.
2. Monday, December 21st.
Miniature Range Shoot Head-
quarters 5.30 p.m.
- (c) Corps Signals.—There will be no
parades until Tuesday, 12th,
January, 1932.
- (d) Machine Gun Troop.—There will
be no parades until Thursday, 7th,
January, 1932.
- (e) Armoured Car Company.—1. Car
Section. There will be no
parades until further notice. All
revolvers must be handed in as
soon as possible.
2. Motor Cycle Section.—There
will be no further parades until
January 11th, 1932.
- (f) Scottish Company.—There will be
no further parades until 7th,
January, 1932.
- (g) Portuguese Company.—1. There
will be no parades until January
8th, 1932 unless orders are issued
to the contrary.
2. The attention of all com-
pany members is called to Company
Training Programme for Decem-
ber 18th. "All Rifles and
Bayonets must be returned to
Corps Stores." Platoon Com-
manders will render reports to the
effect that this has been complied
with to the Company Commander
by not later than December 22nd,
1931.
- (h) The Officer Commanding the
Machine Gun Company will issue
his orders separately to his
Command.

Band Practices.
No Band or Pipe practice must take
place at Headquarters on the evenings
of 17th, 22nd, or 23rd, instant.

Mess Treasurer.
The Duties of Mess Secretary will
be taken over from the Adjutant by
Lieut. S. J. Jarvis, M.C., with effect
from 1st, January, 1932.

Parades at Headquarters.
No parades will be held at Corps
Headquarters from Wednesday, 23rd,
December, 1931 to Monday, 4th,
January, 1932 (repeated).

No. 1363 Pte. R. Morrison, No. 6
Platoon, is transferred to Scottish
Reserve with effect from 17th,
December, 1931.

Strength.
The following has been taken on the
Strength:—1766 Pte. A. H. Harbord, No. 3
Platoon, joined 15.12.31.

N. 1085 Sergt. E. L. Groome, A.
Car Coy., Motor Cycle Section,
granted 2 months' sick leave from
10.11.31 to 9.1.32.
W. J. G. GOATER, CAPTAIN.
Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

GEMS OF PERIL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

Indulgent. "There's no fly here,
Fanny how it takes them some-
times."

"Where's he got it?" Bowen
asked softly.

"Head," said the other. The
boy moved restlessly and again he
waved his hand. "He thinks
there's a fly bothering around."

"Queer. Nerve reaction, prob-
ably," Bowen answered thought-
fully. "Queer he should think of
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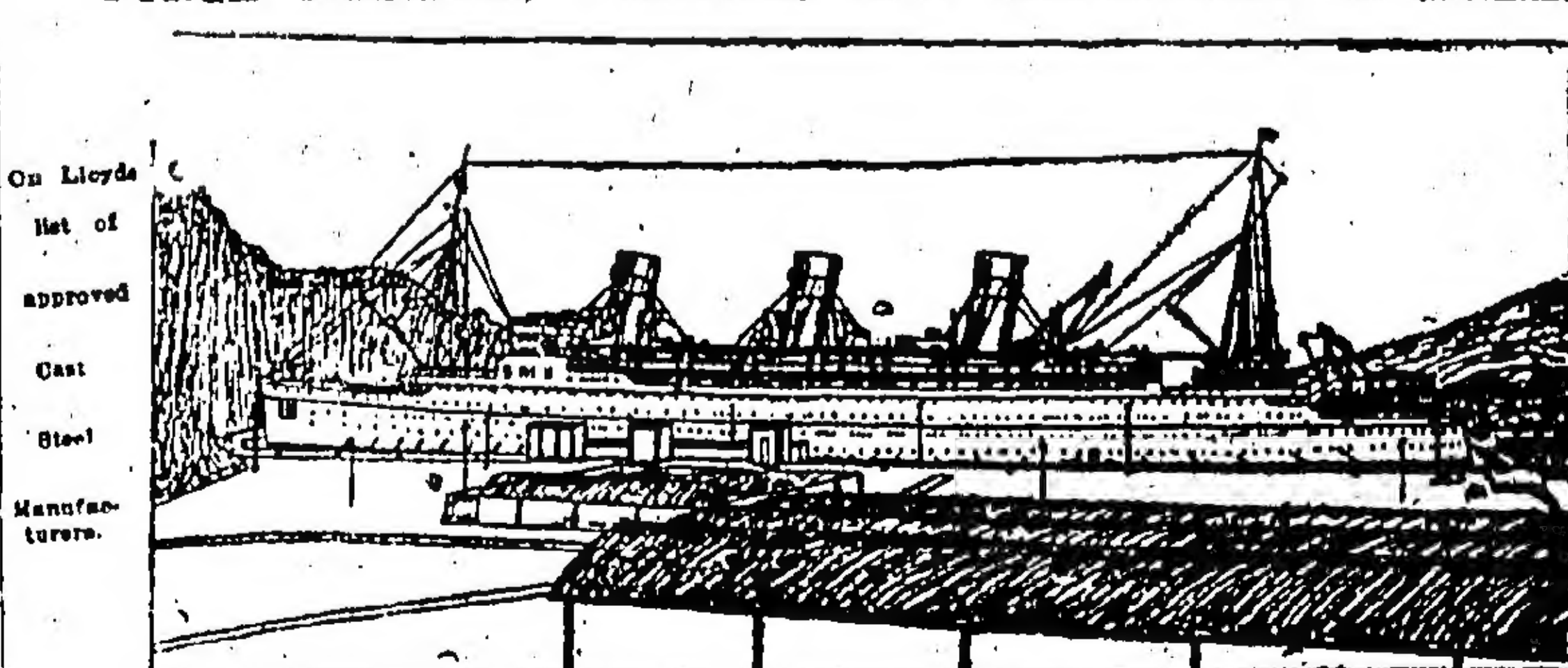
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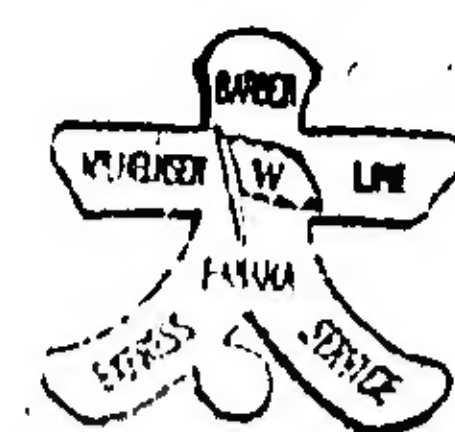
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| TALMA | 10,000 | 1st Jan. | Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka |
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| KALYAN | 9,100 | 10th Jan. | S'hai, Kobe & Yok |
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PLANE ON FIRE IN MID-AIR.

PEER'S SON KILLED IN
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TWO ACCIDENTS ON
SAME DAY.

London, Dec. 14.
Two fatal aeroplane crashes occurred in England to-day, one in Essex and the other near Cardiff.

Near the Naze Aerodrome in Essex, the Hon. George Tomlin, the elder son of Lord Tomlin, was killed before the eyes of a large number of his friends.

The members of the Essex Aero Club had gathered in full force to watch the flight, which was being made in a Moth machine. It was in the nature of a trial trip and the Hon. George Tomlin was flying solo. Everything for a time appeared to be going well. Then, when the plane was at a height of about 1,000 feet the spectators were horrified to see it nose dive. It immediately burst into flames and crashed. The pilot was killed instantly and the machine was smashed to match wood.

Lord Tomlin, the father of the unfortunate airman, is one of the Law Lords. He was created Baron Tomlin of Ash upon his appointment as a Lord of Appeal in 1929.

In the second crash near Cardiff, Mr. C. A. Baker, one of the founders of the Cardiff Flying Club, was killed and another man injured.

There have now been 14 civil aviation accidents in England this year and the total death toll amounts to 22.

THIEF AT GIRLS' SPORTS.

CHARGE OF STEALING
OVERCOAT.

Whilst the students of the Mui Fong Girls' School were participating in their annual school sports on the South China A.A. ground at Caroline Hill on Wednesday, a young Chinese went into the dressing room and was about to walk off with an overcoat when he was seen and the alarm raised.

The culprit, in an attempt to escape, crawled under the dressing room but was seen by a male student outside and seized. The overcoat, belonging to one of the girls, was found near where the defendant was caught.

On being brought before Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning, the defendant was remanded for twenty-four hours for his relatives to attend court.

Sub-Inspector Roger informed his Worship that the defendant told the police that he had formerly lived with his grandmother who, however, was recently killed in a motor accident on Stubbs Road.

LOSS TO POLICE FORCE.

CONSTABLE MORSE PASSES
AWAY.

DIES IN HOSPITAL.

The many friends of Constable Harold Thomas Morse, of the Hongkong Police Force, will learn with deep regret that he has passed away at the Government Civil Hospital, after suffering from complications resulting from a septic ear.

A native of Dartford, Kent, Constable Morse was formerly with the Grenadier Guards. He joined the Hongkong Police Force in September last year and had been stationed at Central, until compelled to go into the Italian Convent Hospital in Calne Road for treatment for a septic ear.

After three weeks there, he left in September of this year; but a month later the complaint again became acute and he entered the Government Civil Hospital.

An operation was performed at 2 o'clock this morning, but the case became so serious that he passed away at 11 o'clock this morning.

The funeral takes place tomorrow morning, when the remains, conveyed on a gun-carriage, and preceded by a military band and firing party and attended by representative members of the Police Force, will proceed from the Government Civil Hospital Mortuary at 10.30 a.m. The cortege is timed to reach the Stubbs Road entrance into the Cemetery shortly after 11.30.

FULHAM WIN AT 2nd ATTEMPT.

TO MEET WATFORD IN
F.A. CUP.

London, Dec. 17.
At Yeovil to-day, in the second round of the F.A. Cup, a re-play, Yeovil and Petters lost to Fulham. The Londoners were the better side throughout and won by 5 goals to 2.

The revised draw for the third round to be played on January 9 follows:

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| Brighton | v. Port Vale. | West Brom A. | v. Aston Villa. |
| Sunderland | v. Southampton. | Brentford | v. Bath City. |
| Barnsley | v. Southport. | Bury | v. Swansea. |
| Tottenham | v. Wednesday. | Sheffield U. | v. Corinthians. |
| Plymouth | v. Manchester U. | Middlesbrough | v. Portsmouth. |
| Grimby | v. Exeter City. | Nottingham | v. Bristol C. |
| Chesterfield | v. Notts For. | Charlton | v. West Ham. |
| Hullfax | v. Bournemouth. | Burton Town | v. Blackburn. |
| Arsenal | v. Darwen. | Q. P. R. | v. Leeds United. |
| Bradford | v. Cardiff C. | Birmingham | v. Bradford C. |
| Luton | v. Wolves. | Stoke City | v. Hull City. |
| Oldham | v. Huddersfield. | Tranmere R. | v. Chelsea. |
| Blackpool | v. Newcastle. | Burnley | v. Derby County. |
| Darlington | v. Northampton. | Watford | v. Fulham. |
| Crook Town | v. Leicester. | Millwall | v. Manchester C. |
| Preston | v. Bolton W. | Everton | v. Liverpool. |

SAILORS SEEK REVENGE.

RIOT CALLS IN
HONOLULU.

ALLEGED ASSAULT
ON WOMAN.

Honolulu, T.H., Dec. 13.
Eight different riot calls were turned out in Honolulu to-night as sailors of the United States Navy, attached to the Naval Operating Base at Pearl Harbour, nine miles from this city, undertook to "clean up" the civilian gangland.

A detachment of United States Marines and the Naval Shore Patrol rounded up several hundred sailors from Pearl Harbour after the sailors attacked civilian gangsters. The sailors went into action after a jury failed to agree in the trial of five men alleged to have raped the wife of a naval officer.

Horace Ikeda, a Japanese who was one of the defendants, was kidnapped by the sailors. He was dragged to the Nuuanu Pali, a great cliff separating windward from leeward Oahu. The sailors threatened to push Ikeda over the cliff. His life was spared but he was mauled unmercifully and finally a passer-by took him to the Queen's Hospital after rescuing him from the sailors.

All week-end "liberty parties" for sailors have been cancelled. All sailors found on the streets are being arrested and sent back to Oahu. The sailors insist that civilian gangsters are responsible for the attack on the naval officer's wife.

BURMA PARLEY CONTINUES.

CONFERENCE NEARING
THE END.

London, Dec. 17.
The Burma Round Table Conference continued to-day. It is hoped that the discussions on the agenda will be completed by next Wednesday and that the draft report may be available for the delegates on December 27th. If so, the discussion on it will begin four days later.

The question of the High Court was to-day examined in committee. —British Wireless.

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